

JULY FOURTH IN DECATUR

City and Country Join in the Big Celebration.

AT THE PARKS---FIREWORKS TONIGHT.

Patriotic Songs by the School Children---Address by Mrs. Worthington and Sketches by Gen. Stibbs---Band Music---The Track Events.

One hundred and twenty-one years ago in the belfry of Independence Hall there stood an old sexton. He had taken his position to perform an act the most momentous since the morning that Moses appeared before Pharaoh to demand in the name of I Am the liberation of the people of Israel. The old sexton had been told that upon that day the continental congress would sign the declaration of the freedom of the thirteen American colonies and that when the last signature was affixed he would be notified and then he should ring; ring the bell, in the belfry, which has become famous as the liberty bell, and proclaim so far as its tones could reach that a nation of freemen had that day been born. Not only this but that the patriots had pledged their lives and fortunes to establish that liberty. The declaration of independence had been debated for many days and only the night before July 4, 1776, had the differences and contentions been so far adjusted as to give promise that on the following day the declaration would be signed. The old sexton, no doubt, was among those who thought that the matter should have been settled in a few days. He probably could see no reason for any difference in views nor for debate. It is not strange then that the old sexton had misgivings as he stood in his thin, boney hands, waiting for the word. Below in the council room were the chief actors. They were arranging the details, striking out a word here, adding another there. An hour passed, two, three, several hours. As the hours wore, the old sexton's agony increased. No doubt the thought came to him that if he were doing it there would not be so much foolishness about it. He, perhaps, never considered the fact that the responsibility was not upon him, but upon John Hancock and his colleagues below. At last the final signature was attached and the old man rang as he had never rang before, proclaiming liberty to the world and all the inhabitants thereof. There were no fire crackers and bling bangs that day. Liberty, though proclaimed, was yet to be won on the field of battle, and the signing of the declaration revolutionizing the system of governments of the day was also signing the death warrants of those who would be called upon to yield up their lives on the battlefield or in hospitals for the principle that "all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

As and Fraile. variety of fruits and market, but nothing new. There are some and they sell for three ts. Blackberries, currants, cherries, black and sell for 10 cents per 15 cents per dozen and s per dozen Pineapples each. There are t plums, peaches and elons are 25 and 30 g the vegetables are lant, cabbage, aspara- and quite a variety of ates now sell for 30 Spring chickens are a and will sell tomor- nts each

e Boys Out. have made themselves the free show at River- ical nights past. They ver the fence and it keeper busy watching however, Tom Weaver scheme which settled boys. There is a wire this was charged with he small boys attempt fence they got a shock nd were glad to let it

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less---when they might race in the best com- n. Johns & Strahn nearly so, ater street.--29 d-54

food pure, wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL... The People's Gathering---Fine Weather. The Republican promised sunshine and

a good breeze for today and the pledge has been met. The rain of yesterday didn't scare us. And the small boy is glad; so are the merchants and all who have come to our city to help us celebrate. The banners and flags are out in goodly numbers all over the city, and the people gathered on the streets at an early hour, doing trading, at the stores. Many people came in from the country in buggies and other conveyances, while the trains brought many visitors from the small towns.

At Central Park. The people began to assemble in Central park early this morning and at 9 o'clock several hundred men, women and children had gathered to hear the singing by the school children and the music by Goodman's band. The chorus of children selected from the different schools sang under the leadership of Prof. Westhoff. The children met in the park and when they had all arrived they stood on the platform which had been erected for the occasion. They sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" before leaving for the Trotting park. The children sang excellently. Mr. Westhoff had been training them for some time and their singing was very creditable to their instructor. At about 10 o'clock the band and the school children were taken to the race track on the street cars.

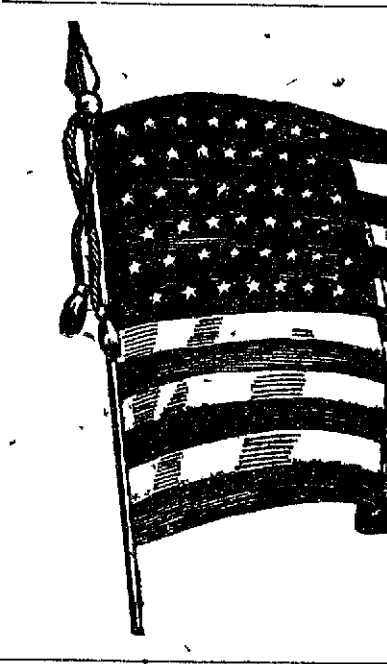
At the Trotting Park. Quite a crowd went out to the Decatur Trotting park at 11 o'clock, when the formal exercises began. The amphitheater was nearly filled, and the committees were going about among the people seeing that everything was in proper shape for the exercises. In front of the amphitheater was the special stand for the speakers. It was handsomely decorated, carpeted and covered. The school children occupied the central portion of the grand stand.

W. F. Calhoun presided and made the announcements. This was the program in order, following the address of welcome by Mayor Taylor: Overture..... Goodman's Band Chorus--"Red, White and Blue"..... Invocation..... Rev. W. C. Miller Talks and Recitation..... Gen. J. H. Stibbs Chorus--"America"..... Led by Prof. Westhoff Flag Salute..... School Children Address..... Mrs. Fannie Worthington Chorus--"Battle Hymn of the Republic"..... Led by Prof. Westhoff Talks and Recitations..... Gen. J. H. Stibbs Selection..... Goodman's Band General Stibbs, who arrived in the city this morning from Chicago, did not pretend to deliver an oration, as he saw by the program that a lady was down to look after that feature of the celebration. Everybody knows all about the signing of the declaration of independence, and in a general way the children could tell us something about July 4th. He would talk about the boys who had aided in pre- serving the union of the states. The general proceeded in his own inimitable style to arouse the patriotism of the crowd along with the recitation of "The Man Who Carried the Musket," and "Why He Wouldn't Sell the Farm."

The Oration. Chairman Calhoun introduced Mrs. Fannie E. Worthington, of Streator, as the orator of the day. The lady was received with general applause, and during the delivery of the address was frequently interrupted by demonstrations of approval for sentiments expressed.

The address made by Mrs. Worthington was a little out of the ordinary Fourth of July speech. She did not make much reference to the past history of the country but rather came down to the condition of the government at the present day and spoke particularly of the state of Illinois. She referred to the foundation, the character, the freedom and the object of this government and also the character of the American citizen, and then spoke of the condition of the government at the present day. The speech was strictly a non-partisan one. Mrs. Worthington said that the people had gathered together on a common plane and that on such an occasion they should ignore any differences of creed or other variances that they might have at any other time. The assem- blage was one of patriotic people who had gathered to renew their patriotism. The speaker made a reference to the Cuban question. She said that while the national sympathy of the government goes out to the suffering Cubans and that while it is the tendency of the country to help any other nation that are struggling to free themselves from the tyranny of a monarchy, it is much more important that we keep alive the spirit of true liberty in the hearts of our own people than it is to help any other nation whatsoever. The speaker said that while she would like to see Cuba a part of the United States, its

boundless corn lands, its great extent of waving prairie, its lofty trees and sparkling streams. She spoke of the nobility of its manhood and the grace of its womanhood, of its gallant record in war and great achievements in peace. She spoke of her personal love for the state and urged upon all her hearers to be devoted to it.



geographical position would make us think it ought to be, she thought that there were more important duties that lie nearer to the heart of the government than the little island which lies off the coast of Florida. She spoke much the same in regard to Hawaii.

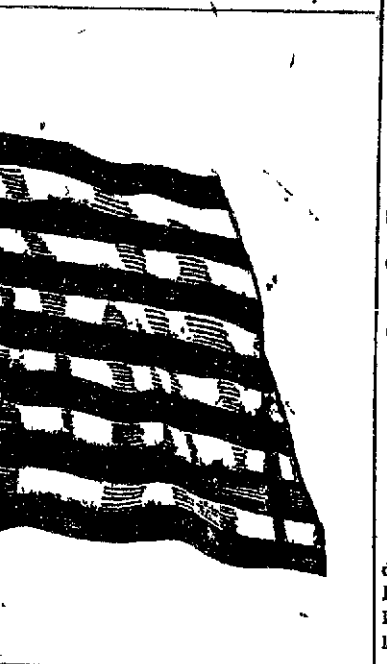
Mrs. Worthington said that there are things which threaten the safety of the nation which are inside our own border. We do not fear a war with Spain or a war with any other country of the world. There is no danger that we shall be wiped off the face of the globe. The dangers to the United States are within our own borders and own people. Among these dangers were the hue and cry of the people about the treachery to public trusts on the part of the public servants. It is the duty of every citizen to stand by the men who have been elected to the high positions by the voice of the people. It is better to put in the right kind of men in the beginning than to put in the wrong men and then afterward find fault with them. Enlightened and intelligent men should be put in the high positions. Men who can say "Yes," and can say "No" and stick to it. In this connection the speaker quoted the poem "God Give Us Men," by J. G. Holland. Mrs. Worthington referred to the fact that there was a cry about booting and spoke of difficulties of the men in high positions and especially of those in the state legislature.

The speaker said that the causes which had brought about the destruction of all great nations was not war with other countries, but were causes within the country itself. This was applied to the present. Great nations fell on account of corruption, effeminacy and treachery within its own borders. Luxury, greed and ambition to an undue extent brought about destruction. She urged that the people not only act wisely and patriotically but that they have faith in their government and faith in its future.

In closing Mrs. Worthington spoke of the state of Illinois. She referred to its high position among the other states, its

boundless corn lands, its great extent of waving prairie, its lofty trees and sparkling streams. She spoke of the nobility of its manhood and the grace of its womanhood, of its gallant record in war and great achievements in peace. She spoke of her personal love for the state and urged upon all her hearers to be devoted to it.

- Afternoon and Night Exercises.
- The field and bicycle events will take place this afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock and tonight on Lincoln square there will be a grand display of fire works, as follows:
- Exhibition Piece--"Welcome."
 - Three Pound Parachute Rockets.
 - No. 3 Colored Rainbow Batteries.
 - Eight Ball Tricolor Candles.
 - Four pound Whistling Rockets.
 - Golden Streamer Candles.
 - Four pound Meteor Rocket.
 - Three Ball Electric Star Candles.
 - Musical or Piccolo Batteries.
 - Colored Comet Candles.
 - No. 3 Colored Volcanos.
 - Four pound Boquet Rockets.
 - Four pound Weeping Willow Rockets.
 - Four pound Novelty Rockets.
 - No. 3 Boquet Bombshells.
 - Exhibition Piece, Niagara Falls.
 - Three pound Colored Rockets.
 - One pound bags Red fire.
 - Four pound Serpents Release Rocket.



burned his face. Jay Jones, a fourteen year old boy, living on West Main street, met with an accident this morning. He was celebrating the Fourth by firing a little cannon. He put a fuse in the cannon and lighted it. While the fuse was burning another boy called to him and the cannon was discharged before he noticed it. The powder blow up through the fuse hole and burned the boy's face. His forehead and eyelids were badly burned by the powder but his face will not be disfigured. He went to the office of Dr. James L. Bevans, where he was given medical attention.

GEN. REECE TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL.

He falls to the floor while entertaining Lieut. Gov. Northcott and wife.

Springfield, Ill., July 3.--Adjutant General Reece was taken suddenly and violently ill yesterday and for a time a fatal result was feared.

Garibaldi's Son.

Rome, July 3.--The statement is published that Menotti Garibaldi, son of the famous patriot, has decided to go to America to take up farming.

Snow in Colorado.

Leadville, Col., July 3.--The Fourth of July season was appropriately inaugurated here early this morning by a severe snow storm.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, July 3.--Local thunder storms tonight and Sunday; not so warm late tonight and Sunday; brisk southerly winds.

MONDAY AT PARK.

Official List of Attractions for July 5th in Decatur.

HORSE AND WHEELING RACING

The Prizes Offered for the Holiday--Three Track and Six Bicycle Contests--List of the Prizes.

Monday, July 5, will be another great day for track events at the Decatur Trotting park, under the management of the Wheelmen's club. There are to be six warm wheel events and trials of speed by Decatur horses, two paces and a trot. The public generally is invited to go out and witness the holiday sport. The program for the day will be as follows:

- Program.
- One Mile Novice.
 - First heat of the horses of the first class.
 - One Mile Handicap.
 - Second heat of the Horses of the First Class.
 - First heat of the Horses of the Second Class.
 - One-quarter Mile Open.
 - Second heat of the Horses of the Second Class.
 - First heat of the Horses of the Third Class.
 - One Mile, 2:40 Class, Bicycle.
 - Second Heat of the horses of the Third Class.
 - One Mile Club Championship.
 - Special Mile Race by Cavatena.
 - Five Mile Handicap.
 - Special Mile Trot by Isabella.

ENTRIES OF THE HORSES.

1st-Class Trot.

First Class Trot.--Custer, owned and driven by John Sanner; Gibb, owned by H. L. Oldham and driven by Henry Hawkins; Allison, owned and driven by William Coombs.

2nd-Class Pace.

Billy Gould, owned by J. C. Rork and driven by N. C. Warren; Little Dock, owned and driven by William Coombs; Ida M. owned by I. B. Mills and driven by Henry Hawkins.

3rd-Class Pace.

M. K. & T., owned by Dr. J. F. Reid and driven by Tobe Biggs; Sport, owned and driven by William Coombs; Nancy Russell, owned by Wash Stoner and driven by Henry Hawkins.

One Mile Special Pace--Cavatena, driven by Frank Tinkler.

One Mile Special Trot--Isabella, driven by Henry Hawkins.

Frank Tinkler has kindly consented to drive his fast pacing mare, Cavatena, an exhibition mile. This mare has shown a mile in 2:11 in her work this season.

I. B. Mills has also consented to allow Mr. Hawkins to drive his fast two year old trotting mare an exhibition mile. This mare is regarded by all that have seen her as being the fastest two year old trotter that has ever been raised or trained in this part of the state.

ENTRIES FOR BICYCLE RACES.

One Mile Novice.

No. 1--Charles Armstrong.

No. 2--Ralph Conklin.

No. 3--Will Murray.

One Mile Handicap.

No. 4--L. E. Rogers, scratch.

No. 5--Emery Birks, 35 yards.

No. 6--Ben Hoffman, 60 yards.

No. 7--Guy Conklin, 75 yards.

No. 8--Earl Walmesley, 90 yards.

No. 9--Art Fullmer, 100 yards.

No. 10--Frank Pahmeyer, 125 yards.

No. 11--Ralph Conklin, 150 yards.

No. 12--Will Murray, 175 yards.

No. 1--Charles Armstrong, 200 yards.

Quarter Mile Open.

No. 1--Earl Walmesley.

No. 2--Art Fullmer.

No. 3--E. Birks.

No. 4--B. Hoffman.

No. 5--Guy Conklin.

No. 6--Lou Rogers.

- One Mile 2:40 Class.
- No. 9--B. Hoffman.
 - No. 1--C. Armstrong.
 - No. 7--E. Birks.
 - No. 4--A. Fullmer.
 - No. 8--Guy Conklin.
 - No. 10--F. Pahmeyer.
 - No. 3--Will Murray.
 - No. 2--B. Conklin.
 - No. 5--E. Walmesley.

- One Mile Club Championship.
- No. 4--E. Walmesley.
 - No. 7--E. Birks.
 - No. 8--Guy Conklin.
 - No. 4--A. Fullmer.
 - No. 10--F. Pahmeyer.
 - No. 9--B. Hoffman.
 - No. 6--Lou Rogers.

- Five Mile Handicap.
- No. 6--Lou Rogers, scratch.
 - No. 7--E. Birks, 100 yards.
 - No. 9--B. Hoffman, 175 yards.
 - No. 8--Guy Conklin, 225 yards.
 - No. 5--E. Walmesley, 275 yards.
 - No. 4--A. Fullmer, 300 yards.
 - No. 10--F. Pahmeyer, 350 yards.
 - No. 2--R. Conklin, 440 yards.
 - No. 3--Will Murray, 550 yards.
 - No. 1--C. Armstrong, 550 yards.

LIST OF PRIZES.

One Mile Novice.

- No. 6 Punching Bag, from Mueller Gun Co., \$4.00.
- Umbrella, from A. Walt & Co., \$2.50.
- Merchandise, from J. F. Farley, \$1.

One Mile Handicap.

- Goodrich Tires, from J. S. Starr & Son, \$10.
- X-Ray Bicycle Lamp, from Morehouse, Wells & Co., \$4.
- Half dozen Handkerchiefs, from A. Walt & Co., \$1.50.

One Quarter Mile Open.

- Racing Robe, from Linn & Scruggs, \$7.50.
- Geo. Keith Shoes, from F. H. Cole & Co., \$8.50.
- Golf Hose, from Ed. Denz, \$1.

One Mile 2:40 Class.

- Bicycle Suit, from B. Stine, \$6.
- Siegler Hat, from Ottonheim Co., \$3.
- U. S. Cyclometer, from Morehouse, Wells & Co., \$1.50.

One Mile Club Championship.

- Medal.

Five Mile Handicap.

- Ring, from H. Post, \$12.
- Edwin Clapp Shoes, from Folrath & Hardy, \$5.
- Rose Umbrella, from H. C. Anthony, \$2.
- Straw Hat, from B. Stine, \$1.

Officials.

Referee, George H. Hart. Bicycle Starter, F. B. Mueller. Horse Starter, Dr. J. F. Reid. Clerk, J. H. Latham. Assistant Clerk, Fred Clark. Judges, B. C. Kineman, H. Hamsher, Arch Wilson.

Timers, Jos. Starr, I. R. Mills, Wm. Post.

Umpires, Alva Wilson, H. J. Hall, Ralph Taggart, Geo. Allen.

Ticket Seller, A. Walt.

Gate Keepers, H. B. Marcott, Claud Johnson.

CRACKER IN A TIN CAN.

And Charley Skelly Nearly Bled to Death--Arm in a Sling.

This forenoon Charley Skelly, aged 10 years, son of John Skelly, residing on North Mercer street, met with a serious mishap. He put a No. 6 cannon cracker in a tin can, applied a match and standing near by he waited the result. There was a loud report and the can was shattered into fragments. A piece of the tin on a slant struck Charley on the left arm, cutting the pulse artery, and caused the blood to flow in gushes. Dr. Castle's prompt arrival saved the life of the boy. He is now carrying that arm in a sling, and is simply going about observing other boys having fun. And yet some of the kids in the neighborhood look upon Charley as a hero. Had he bled to death no doubt their envious feelings would have been intensified.

Musical Treat.

Miss Irene Armstrong will sing for the first time since her return from Paris, at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning. She will sing in a duet with George Dunston.

Miss Fall, of Memphis, Tenn., one of Mr. Francis Fisher Powers' pupils, will sing a solo at the same service.



THE "DECLARATION."

Famous Parchment Is No Longer Shown to Visitors.

Much Injured by Exposure—Ink Was Fast Fading—Manuscript Now Hermetically Sealed in Glass and Carefully Guarded.

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Did you ever see the Declaration of Independence—the original manuscript? If you have not, you probably never will, for now it lies in the archives of the state department, encased in glass and locked in a steel vault. Unless you have some extraordinary reason for viewing it, the custodian will not show it to you. To be sure, a faithful reproduction of the famous document hangs in an upright glass case in the show room of the state department. This room is a part of the library, and many valuable historic relics are on view there.

Three and a half years ago the original declaration hung in the case where the fac-simile appears to-day. A short time before, it had been proposed to take it to the world's fair at Chicago. The managers of the fair were extremely anxious to secure it; there was even talk of shipping it in a special car under guard of a squad of United States regulars; but the secretary of state would not consent. It was within his discretion to let any of the state papers go to Chicago, and he did send some very precious manuscripts there; but the declaration, he said, had too great a value to be subjected to any risk.

This discussion led to a careful examination of the document. It is on parchment, which does not deteriorate much with the lapse of time; but the librarian reported that the ink, which had been exposed to bright light for many years, showed signs of fading. So, in February, 1894, the parchment was taken from its frame, put between sheets of glass, sealed in hermetically, stowed away in the steel vault; and there it lies, beside the original of the constitution of the United States and the appeal of the colonists to King George. The copy answers all ordinary purposes; and as the text of the declaration has been verified and reproduced again and again, there is no longer any real need to consult the original. It is taken out only at long intervals to be shown to some distinguished visitor.

The Declaration of Independence is but one of many original manuscripts of great value belonging to the state department. Some of these manuscripts, of course, are priceless. A millionaire collector would give a fortune to own the Declaration of Independence, and think he was getting it cheap. The manuscript of the constitution, too, is priceless. Many of the other documents, however, have a measurable money value—in fact, some of them were purchased by the government. Among the most important papers are the records of the continental congress, which have always belonged to the government. They were transferred to the state department by an act passed September 15, 1789. An expert of the library says that they would probably be worth \$500,000 if they could be put on the market.

In 1834 and 1849 congress bought the Sparks collection of Washingtonian manuscripts for \$45,000, and the papers would be cheap at many times that sum to-day. Half a century ago collectors of manuscripts were few, and the government met with little competition in bidding for the Sparks collection.

In 1848 a collection of Madison's papers was offered to the government by his family, and it was purchased for \$25,000. Later in the same year \$20,000 was appropriated for the purchase of Jefferson's papers and a like amount for Hamilton's. In the year following \$20,000 was paid for Monroe's papers. No other appropriation was made by congress for a similar purpose until 1882, when Henry Stevens, of London, offered for sale a collection of Franklin's papers, and the government paid \$45,000 for them.

As an evidence of the cheapness of the earlier purchases, a comparison of the Franklin with the Washington papers shows that the government paid \$35,000 for 32 volumes in the one case and \$45,000 for 336 volumes in the other. But this is not conclusive; for the Franklin volumes contain many more manuscripts than the Washington volumes. The earliest collectors of manuscripts scattered their through many volumes. For several years past the librarian of the state department has been busy condensing the Washington collection with a view to putting it all in 50 volumes. In its original form it was larger than all the other collections put together, omitting the records of the continental congress. The whole number of volumes of manuscripts was 974, and of these 307 contained the congressional records.

All these documents, with the exception of the three already named as being in the steel vault, are kept in cases in the library. Think of keeping \$1,000,000 worth of papers which could not possibly be replaced in a wooden case behind glass doors! Yet the department has never lost any of

The out worms are raiding the corn in the LeMarsh drainage district. The situation is very serious.

One of the oldest residents of Wayneville is Mr. Benjamin H. Lillard, who was born in Virginia in 1818.

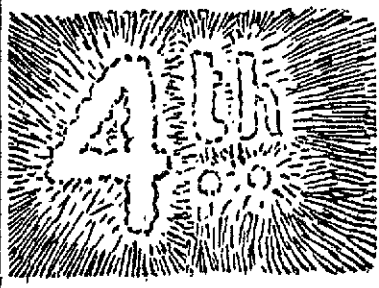
Dr. Andrew Rankin, of Chicago, was almost murdered by his son-in-law, Copp. He was many years ago, a resident of Lincoln.

New stone crossings are being placed in position at Minier.

as valued manuscripts. In fact, with the exception of such a unique rarity as the great diamond of the nizam of Hyderabad, which was reported as stolen recently, nothing in the form of property would be so certain of identification if offered for sale as one of these documents. They have this further advantage—the diamond might possibly be broken up and sold piecemeal without identification, while the manuscripts could be identified line by line and word by word, even if each were torn in fragments. The state department has a full descriptive list of these papers, and the most important of them were copied and published by order of congress some years ago.

Yet, not long since, two young clerks of the library of congress stole from the library some of the valuable manuscripts which belonged to the Toner collection. They were offered to collectors in New York, and some of them were sold to W. F. Havemeyer; but the dealers who handled them suspected that they belonged to the government, and notified the authorities. This brought about an investigation, which resulted in the apprehension of the thieves. The same thing would happen in any of the documents in the state department were stolen. For this reason the clerks who have occasion to handle the papers are trusted almost implicitly. From the vandal visitor the manuscripts are protected by a watchman, who sits in the library during business hours, and by other watchmen who patrol the halls at half-hour intervals when the department is closed.

None of these documents can be taken away without a special order from the secretary of state. In fact, none of the manuscripts has left the department building since its completion, except in 1893, when some of them were



shipped to the Chicago exposition, as has been stated.

Two manuscript volumes, however, were taken to Philadelphia by the foreman in charge of the work of restoring the documents. There they were "inlaid" by experts whose business is the restoration of manuscripts which have become ragged through age and wear. These two documents were Washington's school copy book and his diary. The "inlaying" consisted in sketching the outline of each page on a sheet of heavy paper, cutting out all the paper within this outline except a very narrow margin, splitting the paper to the depth of this margin, and gluing the edges of the paper into the split edge of the frame. By this process both sides of each page were left exposed, and the pages were mounted on uniform sheets of paper, which could be bound together in Russia leather. The work on these two volumes cost the government several hundred dollars, and was said to be the finest work of the kind ever executed.

The state department experts engaged in the work of restoration do not "inlay" the manuscripts; this would be too expensive a process. They mount each page on a hinge of stout linen paper, fastened to a sheet of heavy paper; and these sheets are bound in books of uniform size. Where holes are found in a manuscript—and many are very ragged—a piece of paper of the color of the manuscript is pasted under the hole; or, if this would obscure the writing, a piece of tissue is used.

Each of these sheets is numbered and registered; every scrap of paper belonging to the manuscript collection is numbered, and whenever a book is taken from its shelf it is carefully examined to see that it is intact. It is not often that the volumes are taken down except when the clerks head them for the work of restoration; though occasionally a visitor engaged in some historic researches asks permission to consult them. Even after the permit is granted he must use them in full view of the library watchman.

GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.

Fourth of July in the Navy.

On the Fourth of July, as upon Washington's birthday, every ship in the United States navy, in commission and not under way, is required by the rules of the department to dress ship from sunrise to sunset, and at noon to fire a national salute. On vessels at sea and under way, dressing ship is dispensed with, but the salute is fired with the ensign at the peak. At naval stations and navy yards the ensign is kept flying all day.

When a vessel of our navy is in a harbor where a ship or ships of another power is also staying, her commanding officer is expected to give notice to the foreign officers of the coming of the late and its significance in order that they may also celebrate the Fourth, if they choose, by a salute. When a foreign naval vessel so salutes, the American commander returns the compliment, and all is lovely.

The Peoria city council are "firing" all street fruit peddlers, whose stands are in the way. Italians, Greeks and Syrians have many stands in Peoria.

Urbana is to have a patrol wagon. The business men have subscribed almost enough to pay for it.

Rev. Charles E. Smoot has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Christian church at Ashland. He will continue to reside at Petersburg.

The Sheldon brick company at Sheldon are turning out \$80,000 bricks a day.

THE BLUES.

A Graphic Description of the Dreadful Feeling.

What Is Meant by This Form of Acute Misery—Where Doctors Make Mistakes.

When a cheerful, brave, light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the BLUES, it is a sad picture.

It is usually this way:—She has been feeling "out of sorts" for some time; head

has ached, and back also; has slept poorly; been quite nervous, and nearly fainted once or twice; head dizzy, and heart has beat very

fast; then that bearing-down feeling. Her doctor says, "cheer up, you have dyspepsia; you'll be all right soon."

But she doesn't get "all right." She grows worse day by day, till all at once she realizes that a distressing female complaint is established.

Her doctor has made a mistake. She has lost faith in him; hope vanishes; then comes the brooding, morbid, melancholy, everlasting BLUES. Her doctor, if he knew, should have told her and cured her, but he did not, and she was allowed to suffer. By chance she came across one of Mrs. Pinkham's books, and in it she found her very symptoms described and an explanation of what they meant. Then she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice, feeling that she was telling her troubles to a woman. Speedy relief followed, and vigorous health returned.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound instantly asserts its curative powers in all those peculiar ailments of women. It has been the standby of intelligent American women for twenty years, and the story recited above is the true experience of hundreds of women, whose letters of gratitude are to be found on file in Mrs. Pinkham's library.



Millard & Julius Maienthal, MANAGERS.

I. B. T.

Feather Duster.. SALE.

We have just received a large shipment of the well known brand of FEATHER DUSTERS—best in the market.

(I. B. T. means: "I Beat the Ostrich.")

During this sale week of Dusters, we will sell at the following prices:

10 in. I. B. T. Feather Dusters, regular price 25c; sale price.....	17c
12 in. I. B. T. Feather Dusters, regular price 30c; sale price.....	22c
14 in. I. B. T. Feather Dusters, regular price 40c; sale price.....	31c
16 in. I. B. T. Feather Dusters, regular price 50c; sale price.....	39c
18 in. I. B. T. Feather Dusters, regular price 60c; sale price.....	46c
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They said, "Behold we have been held up and our feet are now bare."
And they all went back to the other fellow and said, "Shoe us, friend, at your own price, for we know it is just."

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SELLER OF SHOES FOR ALL MANKIND.
Sign of the Old Cobbler.

The Fourth of July

Comes but once a year, and in order that our employes and ourselves may have a much-needed day of rest, we will close our store all day the Fourth and Fifth.

Previous to that time we will keep on preparing as many men as possible so that they may take comfort on that day. We sell cool coats, hammock size, for \$1.00. We sell long cool coats for public orators, with large pockets for impromptu speakers to carry manuscript in, for \$1.50. We sell Linen Dusters for \$1.50, to keep the dust off your other clothes, and at the same time keeping some of your own dust in your pocket that you would otherwise spend. We sell straw hats that you can talk through for 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. We sell cool ties for 10c and 25c per dozen; and Fancy Shirts 50c to \$1.00, some of them so loud that you couldn't hear a fire cracker.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 26 st. Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The North Main street woman's exchange will close at noon on Monday, July 5. Orders must be left early.—26 st

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Moh 26-st

The people of Bethany and vicinity are having their celebration today. Pete's Wild West show is there for the day.

Extremely low prices on buggies and carriages for a short time only. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—26-d&wtf

The Decatur Guards were out last night for a street drill. The names of 10 recruits were received by Captain Cassell.

You will find that the Reed & Son's pianos are the best. See them at the C. B. Prescott music house. None better on sale anywhere in the country.

Sick headache can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "DeWitt's Little Early Risers." A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Every box of fruit bears my trade mark. If you cannot buy them from the dealers you can get them at the Riverside Fruit Farm. Raspberries, black and red. Orders by mail will be delivered. Geo. W. Stoy, P. O. Box 248.—26-d&f

A few days ago Clarence F. Comer, aged 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Comer, formerly of Decatur, was drowned in the Calumet river at Chicago.

Use Irwin's Rapid Relief for cramp, colic or cholera morbus.

This evening at the Warrensburg Methodist church Rev. E. B. Kandle will deliver a lecture on "The Wonders of the Twentieth Century."

Special prices on potato chips, tea cakes and doughnuts at the North Main street woman's exchange.—26 st

"They are dandies," said Thos. Bowers, of the Crockett, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The John A. Brown property at the corner of North Edward and Marietta streets is to be occupied by Mr. Patterson and family, who will take possession next week.

Dan Culp for pumps, force pumps, lift pumps, wood pumps, chain pumps, and water elevators, 223 N. Main st. Durfee & Culp. May 25-df

The Rev. P. C. Cooper of Decatur is at Jacksonville this week, attending the Springfield meeting of the African M. E. Sunday school. He is the venerable pioneer worker in the cause and was made chairman of the memorial and finance committees. He delivered the address in memory of Fulton Davis, who died at the age of 98 years.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Our Chinese method of celebrating the glorious Fourth has cost property owners millions of dollars. This year the celebration will cover three days and it is only reasonable to expect greater damage than usual. The careful property owner, or money lender, will use extra caution to see that all the property is covered by insurance in good companies. Call on Kuny, Johns & Strohm, 124 North Water street.—29 d&f

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\$3.00 to Cincinnati.

The I. D. & W. will give a low rate excursion from Decatur to Cincinnati for July 4. Only \$1.50 for the round trip to Indianapolis, and \$2.00 to Cincinnati. Tickets will be sold on Saturday, July 3, good to return Sunday, July 4. Train leaves Decatur at 10:50 p. m., July 3; return 11:10 p. m., July 4.—28-df

Notice.
Notice is hereby given that no dead animals, chickens or other offensive matter must be buried or placed in the city gravel bank or burying ground, but must be taken to the Decatur rendering establishment, one-fourth mile west of the St. Louis bridge. By order of city council. W. W. Mason, Chief of Police.—1dlw

Don't Stop Hunt!
He has a bad attack of colic and is making for our drug store after a bottle of Foley's Colic Cure. 25c and 50c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

THE CIRCUIT PICNIC.

The Annual Gathering of the Members of the Methodist Churches of the County.

The annual picnic of the members of the Methodist churches of the Decatur circuit was held today in a grove south of the city near the Mt. Gililand cemetery. Hundreds of persons were in attendance. The churches represented were the Long Creek, Elwin, Mt. Zion and Moody Methodist churches and the Blue Mound chapel. Besides the church members there were many other persons present from different parts of the county. The picnic is held each year and is generally one of the largest outdoor gatherings of the season. Today every one brought their lunch basket and a big picnic dinner was held. The people were entertained with music and other amusements and several speeches were made.

Rev. D. R. MacGregor, pastor of the First Baptist church made an address to the assemblage. He spoke substantially as follows:

"The Jews could not sing their songs in a strange land. They hung their harps on the willows and were silent because they could not look upon their native hills. Though not a native born American, yet I am not a Jew and do not propose to keep silent on the Fourth of July. When the event we are celebrating today was being framed into history, I was on the other side. Though lacking eighty years of being born I was loyal to King George and the English government, when the declaration of independence was being formulated. It was an easy kind of loyalty, very much on the order of the loyalty many people have for their church. I just kept quiet and out of the way while the others did the fighting and the hurrahing. The American people have many reasons to be proud of their country and their institutions. They are justified in all the noise they make through crackers and speeches on the Fourth of July when what we stand for is considered. First we stand for a democratic form of government. There is no doubt that they are preferable to a monarchy for in it we have the voice of the people, when the politicians are willing, and when we have the voice of the people we have the voice of God. It is objected by these preferring monarchies that our method of selecting the chief executive unsettles business, opens the flood gates of stump speeches, bribes, illegal voting and lots of stuff in reference to wool and sugar and so on and that it opens the way to doggerel poetry such as this:

"Mary had a little sheep,
The wool she sent to spin it,
But Glover took the tariff off
And then she had to skin it."

"But what of it? Better have every stump occupied, better be unsettled once in awhile, better be like the rippling stream that purifies itself by its action, than be like the stagnant pool with its greenish skum. There may be some danger in allowing free discussion, but free speech is harmless when given the whole open air in which to explode. A republic is better than a monarchy because every man is on the same level and none are shut out of the race. No man can have unlimited power in a republic. He may appear to have it and a political ring may govern for a time, but not always. The people sooner or later will take the matter in their hands and see that they are represented by men who will put their will into effect.

"For these reasons we are glad today, we eat, drink and are merry. We fear not the black flag of anarchy nor the red flag of communism. We fear not tyranny, for we know that it covers before the Stars and Stripes. Hence we are glad and sing:

"Peace smiles upon our hills and dells,
Peace smiles upon our seas,
And drops the notes of happy bells,
Upon our fruited trees."

Rev. Preston Wood, Jr., of Maroa, will make an address this afternoon.

THE MASONIC HOME.

That for Indigent Members to be Dedicated Wednesday.

The home for the indigent and dependent, established at Mason by the Masons and Eastern Stars of Illinois, will be formally dedicated next Wednesday, July 7. The home was incorporated in 1896 and the grand chapter has been in possession of the building and grounds since September, 1896. The property formerly belonged to Dr. T. D. Kyner, and besides the building there is a thirty acre fruit farm. It cost the Masons and Eastern Stars \$6500. Mrs. Mary A. Bradley of Decatur, has been selected as superintendent of the new home. On dedication day a special train from Chicago will take Masons from the metropolis to attend the ceremonies. Excursion rates have been secured on all the railroads and it is expected thousands will attend the dedication.

The board of trustees of the new home is composed of George Howison of Chicago, Mrs. Mary Brown of Pana, Mrs. Laura May Chapman of Vienna, Mrs. Loraine J. Pitkin of Chicago, Charles L. Hovey of Decatur, Mrs. Mary A. Bradley of Decatur, N. Douglas Hicks of Taylorville, Mrs. Jennie W. Freeman of Sidel, Mrs. S. M. Chapman of Peoria.

CORN RATES CUT.

Action of the Illinois Central Railway Company for the Shippers.

Corn rates from points in Illinois to Chicago have been cut by the Illinois Central, which put in a tariff which approximately reduces the rate to 5 cents from all points in the state taking a 6

and 7 cent tariff. The reduction from points taking a higher rate is proportionately on the same basis. The new tariff applies to Illinois and Indiana, and becomes effective at once as far as this state is concerned, and from points in Indiana takes effect on July 5.

The Alton, Eastern Illinois and Wash roads, the ones most affected, had not yesterday met the out, but were considering doing so. Trouble of the corn rates, which was threatened by the Missouri Pacific, which gave notice that it would make a reduction of 2 1/2 cents, has been temporarily pushed aside, as that company has agreed to a suspension of any such action, until the executive officials can meet and consider the situation.

Will Get a Foreign Appointment.

Parla Beeson, Judge Horace Clark of Mattoon, saw the president again Tuesday morning, says a Washington special, and started home that afternoon. The judge went away feeling that he had a friend at court if the president has any influence with this administration. President McKinley intends to give Judge Clark a foreign appointment, probably as minister to one of the South American republics, but he is not yet ready to make these appointments, and he advised the judge to wait patiently and rest assured that he was slated for a good position. With so many other candidates waiting patiently without assurance, Judge Clark may be counted among the fortunate ones who do not wait in vain.

A Patriotic Service.

The Intermediate Endeavor of the First Baptist church will hold a patriotic meeting Sunday evening at 6:45, with the following program:

Song, "America."
Scripture Reading and Prayer—W. A. Holman.

Patriotic Address—James Montgomery. Recitation—Marion Dille. Address—J. L. Deak.

Solo, "Columbia"—Mrs. J. B. Johnson.

Address—Major J. G. Badenhausen. Song, "Star Spangled Banner." The room will be decorated for the meeting.

Installation.

Progress Bohak lodge, No. 141, installed the following officers at their meeting last night:

Noble Grand—Miss Jennie B. Taylor. Vice Noble Grand—Flora Mills. Secretary—Mrs. Meella Kasar. Left Supporter of the Vice Noble Grand—Miss May Murphy.

Right Hand Supporter of the Vice Noble Grand—Mrs. Jennie Nicholson. Warden—Mrs. Bertha Ives. Conductor—Mrs. Grace Schmugge. Inside Guardian—Carrie Ashton. Outside Guardian—Mrs. Louise Seeforth.

Chaplain—Miss Chloe Murphy.

The Best Man in Danville.

Soon after the late judicial primary Judge John G. Thompson wrote to his sister-in-law in Sioux City, Iowa, with whom his little daughter Frances lives, announcing his defeat by Judge Bookwalter. When the letter was explained to her the little girl was greatly distressed by the bad news. "I don't see how papa could be defeated," she said. "He's the best man in Danville except God, and God don't want the place."—Danville Press

Passengers Take Notice.

All children over six years of age will be charged full fare. In cases of more than one child, half fare will be charged. D. S. Shellabarger, President. W. L. Ferguson, General Manager.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Attorney W. H. Black delivered the July 4th address at Ivesdale.

—E. J. Strader arrived home yesterday after a prolonged business trip.

—Judge Cochran will go to Clinton on Monday to give an order for a jury for the August term of court. He was at Farmer City today to deliver a July 4th oration.

—N. A. Crusan is soon to leave Decatur for Des Moines, Iowa, where he will take charge of a large agricultural implement supply house for the Parlin, Orendorf company. Mr. Crusan will be accompanied by his family. Nine months ago he was in business on Wabash avenue. He retired soon after the fire.

Dr. Willson of the Chas. Moo Gra. Medicine Co., 6188 Olive street, St. Louis, will make his second visit to Decatur, Tuesday, July 6 and remain three days at the St. Nicholas hotel, where all who have been examined or are under his treatment and all those who are sick are invited to call on the doctor. Consultation and examination free.

Miscellaneous.

Take three-quarters of a pound of round steak from the upper round, chop or grind it as fine as possible, then form it into three round balls. Flatten them to one-quarter of an inch thick; place a frying pan with half a tablespoonful of butter over the fire. When hot put in the meat, and fry about four minutes on each side, turning the steaks twice during that time. Meanwhile, stir half tablespoonful butter with half teaspoonful salt and one-eighth teaspoonful pepper to a cream. Lay the steaks on a hot plate, spread the creamed butter on both sides and serve.—St. Louis Republic.

The Episcopians of Peoria are about to incorporate and build a handsome church on the site of the St. Peter's Sunday school.

THE BOARD OF PARDONS.

Rules Made to Govern the Practice Before the New Organization.

The members of the new state board of pardons met at Springfield Thursday and organized. R. A. Lomon of Clinton was chosen chairman and Judge R. N. McCauley of Olney was elected secretary of the board. As the duties heretofore performed by the commissioners of the penitentiaries with reference to the parole of prisoners have been devolved upon this board, the rules adopted by the commissioners of the Joliet penitentiary governing the parole of prisoners were adopted by the board. It was also decided by the board to visit the Joliet penitentiary the first Tuesdays in February, May, August and November, and Chester penitentiary the first Tuesdays in March, June, September and December, to consider applications for parole.

Rules of procedure were also adopted with reference to applications for pardons and commutations of sentence. These provide that all applications shall be made by petition in writing, addressed to the governor, which petition shall contain a brief history of the case, the reasons why the pardon should be granted, and a brief biography of the person under conviction, setting forth particularly the different places where he or she has resided and the occupation pursued at each place. The clerk of the court in which the conviction was had must certify to his belief in the genuineness of the signatures. Such petition, with three typewritten copies, must be filed with the clerk of the board at least ten days before the first day of its next term.

Notice of such application must be published for three weeks in some newspaper published nearest to the locality where the crime was committed, and a copy of the notice must be personally served upon the prosecuting witness in the case and the states attorney of the county wherein the conviction occurred. Proof of such publication and service must be made.

It shall then be the duty of the clerk of the board to address circular letters of inquiry to the warden of the penitentiary, the state's attorney, the presiding judge, the sheriff and the city marshal or chief of police of each city where the convict has resided. When these inquiries have been answered the case will be ready or hearing.

Applications will be permitted to appear by counsel and oral arguments will be heard. In no case will the board pass upon the orders, rulings or judgments of any court, but newly discovered evidence, or facts or circumstances occurring subsequent to the conviction will be considered. To be received, such evidence must be accompanied by a statement from the states attorney that it was not heard at the trial and notice of the taking of such depositions must be given the states attorney. Evidence of facts or circumstances occurring since the trial may be taken by affidavit, but the officer before whom the affidavits are made must certify that the affiants are respectable persons whose testimony is entitled to credit.

All applications will be heard at open sessions of the board only and will not be entertained or considered individually by any member. All applications or correspondence must be filed with or addressed to the clerk of the board. The first regular session of the board will be held Tuesday, July 13.

MAY CARRY ARMS.

Members of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., Not Affected by the New State Law.

The state law which went into effect July 1st, providing that only regular militiamen can wear epaulets or carry arms, affects all organizations except the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias. It does not apply to that order because the members of the rank are virtually enlisted in the service of the United States government. They are recognized by the war department as minute men and may be called upon to repel foreign invasion at any time, a fact not generally known. There are 50,000 in the United States, or more than one-third the numerical force of the national guard. The order was organized during the civil war in Washington, D. C., and in that way obtained its military standing. There are 600,000 U. S. Knights of Pythias in the United States, of whom nearly 50 are in Decatur, and nearly every man would be eligible to bear arms in case of necessity. The uniform rank is the only semi-military organization that is liable to call by the United States government in case of an emergency.

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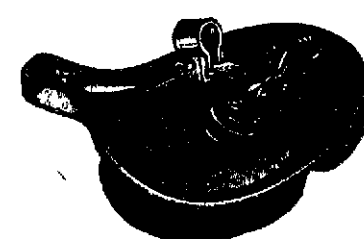
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MOREHOUSE & WELLS CO.

Will Join the Knights of Labor.
Pittsburg, July 3.—The vote of the lo-
cal preceptors of the Window Glass Work-
ers' association all over the United States
on the question of returning to the
Knights of Labor, is in progress. So far
the vote is almost unanimous in favor of
returning.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.
Pittsburg, Pa., July 3.—Three boilers
at the salt works of Haller Beck & Co., at
Allegheny, exploded this morning. Two
were killed and one badly injured. The
dead: Andy Pluger and George Krouse.
The plant was wrecked.

On Monday Mayor Warner, of Peoria,
appointed sixteen policemen to fill vacan-
cies, most of which were made by request.
Several former members of the force
were reinstated.

New stone crossings are being placed in
position at Minton.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Re-
ward for any case of Catarrh that can-
not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props. Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F.
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lieve him perfectly honorable in all busi-
ness transactions, and financially able to
carry out any obligations made by their
firm.

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MERCHANTS TO CLOSE.

Decatur Business Men and Clerks Will
Take a Holiday Monday, July 5.

The following agreement duly signed,
is self-explanatory:

We, the undersigned, merchants in the
city of Decatur, do hereby agree to close
our respective places of business on Mon-
day, July 5, 1897, all day. Close Satur-
day night and keep closed until Tuesday
morning:

Musicians—S. M. Lutz, T. T. Phillips, Pres-
cott Music House.

Grocers—Paul Hüller, H. G. Boyer,
J. G. Cloyd, Henry Lyon, Keller Grocery
House, Soblie & Oehler, Spillman &
Davis, I. N. Cool, Arcade, H. F. May &
Bro., Frank Plumer, Henry Meyer, E.
A. Stephen & Bro., Fred Klipp, Keys
Bros., F. H. Bachman, Chronister Bros.,
N. T. Watson, T. T. Springer, J. B. Wil-
liams, J. B. Robinson, D. F. Deneen,
D. H. Heilman & Son.

Wholesale Grocers—F. M. Young &
Co., Stadler & McClelland.

Clothing—Ottobheimer & Co., Monray
& Co., Race Clothing Mfg. Co., B. Stine
Clo. Co., Chas. E. Morgan, Cheap Char-
ley, I. Malenbach & Co., Ed. R. Denz.

Dry Goods—Bradley Bros., Linn &
Scourges, J. O. Calvis, Stewart Dry Goods
Co., Wm. Gushard & Co., S. G. Hatch
& Bro., E. S. Young & Co., Arcade,
Bokun-McReynolds Co.

Furniture—Geo. W. Meyer, Bachman
Bros. & Martin, Akers & Wilson, G. W.
Scovill, H. Tay.

Milliners—Jennie B. Taylor, Emma
Williams, Annie Miller, K. E. Miller, B.
C. Hamsber, H. A. Wallace, W. L. Mo-
Donald.

Shoes—Geo. W. Powers, Walter Hutch-
in, Polrath & Hardy, F. H. Cole Shoe
Co., Freeman Bros., H. W. Waggoner &
Co., John Heger.

Jewelry—W. R. Abbott & Co., B.
Post & Son, E. J. Harpstrite, H. A. Max-
well, O. E. Curtis & Bro.

Opticians—R. C. Augustine, Mary
Nesbit.

Tea—W. H. Darr.

Hardware—C. L. Griswold & Co.,
Grout & Co., Morehouse & Wells, Harvey
Bañe, B. M. Dennis & Co. Wilson & Wil-
son, Palace King Hardware Co., Dec. Heavy
Hardware Co.

Awning, etc.—G. P. Hart, Dec. Tent
and Awning Co.

Plumbing—Zimmerman & Shorb, Dec.
P. & H. Co., Field & Wilson.

Banks—Economy Bank, Nat. Bank of
Decatur, J. Millikin & Co., Peddycord &
Burrows, Cit. Nat. Bank.

Tailors—C. W. Utley, T. F. Muleady.

Wall Paper—W. C. Pluck, Axel Carpet
Co., Geo. H. Conklin & Co.

Dye Houses—H. H. Miller.

Buggies, etc.—Wayne Sulky Co., J. G.
Starr & Son.

Insurance—Rae & Payne.

Lumber—G. S. Lyons & Son, Huff
Bros., Mills Lum. Co., Dec. Lum. Co.

Box Factory—John A. Keck.

Wholesale Paper—Geo. R. Bacon & Co.

Miscellaneous—Pollard & Courthray,
Dec. Coffin Co., Union Iron Works, H.
H. Clark Oil Mill, Dec. Extract Co., F.
H. Bushway Ext. Co., Decatur Fairfest
Wheel Co., Wm. M. Bold.

Coal—Dec. Coal Co. Mines.

The grocers will not close until noon
on Monday.

American Girl Died in London.

Southampton, July 3.—Miss Ellen Mil-
ler, only daughter of Rear Admiral Mil-
ler, of the United States navy, died today
in London. The admiral was on the
point of sailing for home when the news
was received. He took the first train for
London. It is thought that Miss Miller
contracted typhoid fever on the voyage
over.

FIREWORKS! Cheapest at
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HURRAH...

For the 4th of July!

And the Great Celebration on
Saturday, July 3d.

Now is the best time to make
selections of Shirt Waists and
Dress Shirts. Our stock is up to
date, and prices below competi-
tion. All our beautiful Orga-
nizations, Dimities, Jackonets, Lawns,
India Linens, Dotted Swisses and
White Goods go at cut prices
Toile du Nord Gingham at 5c,
worth 10c. Handsome Lawns at
3 1/2c, and all prices on Wash-
Goods cut in same way.

Special Bargains in Millinery.

We have a few exquisite patterns
and large lines of Trimmed and
Untrimmed Hats; Sailors Walk-
ers, Tams, Etc., Etc., all go in
this sale at Closing Out Prices.

We take great pleasure in
showing our Splendid Bargains
and cordially invite careful in-
spection. Respectfully,

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

151 EAST MAIN ST.

RAIL ON THE TRACK

Evidently a Plot to Wreck a Train

for Purposes of Plun-

der.

C. N. MAY AVERTS POSSIBLE DANGER

Found a Long Rail Lying Across the

Track—Mysterious Stranger

Passed Along in the

Night.

Chester N. May, who has a room at the

Thistle hotel on East Eldorado street, last

night visited his aunt, Mrs. H. M. Wil-

son, who resides one and a half miles

south of the Illinois Central junction.

At about 9 o'clock Mr. May started for

the city, coming upon the Illinois Central

railroad track. He had walked a mile,

when he was startled on discovering that

somebody had placed a heavy iron rail,

about 30 feet in length, partly across the

track. It was on a slant, one end nearly

across the track. Mr. May became nerv-

ous. He didn't know but that a nest of

train wreckers were hidden above or near

the south. He resolved to act, and laying

his bundles at the side of the track he

managed to push the rail off onto the

ties. Just then the freight train passed.

A moment later a stranger passed Mr.

May, but he didn't say a word. He pass-

ed on south and soon disappeared. Mr.

May gave the rail another push until it

fell in the ditch, and then he reported the

circumstance to the operator at the junc-

tion office, half a mile further north.

The Illinois Central detectives will

make a thorough investigation of the

matter. Possibly arrests will follow.

Stock Market.

Chicago, July 3.—Hogs, 14,000, fairly

active, \$2 1/2 to \$5, higher Light \$8.50

and \$8.45, mixed \$8.30 and \$8.40, heavy

\$8.10 and \$8.40; cattle 4000, steady, un-

changed. Sheep 3000, firm, unchanged.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

W. H. Penhalligan, D. D., pastor. Sunday

School at 9:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services

at 10:45 a. m. The pastor will preach. Miss

Fall of Memphis Tenn., and Miss Irene Arm-

strong will sing. Christian Endeavor at 6:30

p. m. Strangers and others not worshipping else-

where are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. J. K. Love, Supt.

Corner of Madison street and Hawthorne avenue.

Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. P. P. Laughlin,

Supt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Corner North Water and East North streets.

Rev. D. L. MacGregor, pastor; residence, 450 N.

College street. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Morning service. "Christianity." Miss

Outside, followed by welcome to new members

and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

No evening service, and no preaching services

during the remainder of July and August, as the

pastor will be away on his vacation.

Intermediate Endeavor Sunday evening at

6:30. Pastor C. E. May, pastor. Services at 7:30

p. m. Services at EAST PARK CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. J. Edward Saxton,

superintendent.

These in the vicinity of the Chapel are cor-

dially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. D. F. Howe pastor. Class meeting at 9 a.

m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching

at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. S. C. Pierce,

of Chicago. Morning theme: "The Invisible

Hand at Work." Evening theme: "The Se-

cular." Special music morning and evening.

Andover service at 6:45 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to the gen-
eral public and to all not worshipping elsewhere.

SARGENT'S CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Class meeting at

9:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

SARATOGA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Frank N. Atkin rector. Sunday school

at 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer, Litany, Holy

Communion and sermon on "Liberty and Men

and Religion." at 10:30 a. m. Evening

and sermon at 7:45 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo

streets. J. Bernard pastor. Preaching at 10:30

a. m. by Elder J. T. Hines. Sunday school at

9:30 a. m. W. L. Hull, supt. Y. P. S. C. at

6:30 p. m. Experience meeting at 3 p. m. The

public are cordially invited.

Council meeting will be held on Monday even-

ing.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Corner of North Water and William streets.

Rev. Frank C. Oehler, pastor. Sunday School at

9:15 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Preparatory

service and Holy Communion at 10:30. Evening

service at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "At Whose

Shrine Does Columbia Bow?"

A cordial welcome extended to all to worship

with the congregation.

ST. LUKA'S LUTHERAN MISSION.

Corner Leeland Ave. and N. Charles St. Sun-

day school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching by Geo. P.

Kabele at 1:45 p. m. Subject: "Labor, For

What?"

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.

Church street, between Eldorado and North.

Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Prof. M. S. Calvin,

Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

C. W.

FAMOUS CELEBRATIONS.

Vivid Description of Fourth of July in Continental Camps.

Semi-Centennial Jubilee—Gradual Change in the Character of the Exercises, But No Loss of Patriotism.

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One of the men who signed the declaration of independence is said to have expressed the desire that he might rise from his grave a hundred years later to witness the manner in which posterity observed the Fourth of July. If his wish could have been gratified, the venerable patriot would have found a decided change in the manner of the celebration, but none in the feeling which inspired it. Posterity, too, would undoubtedly have turned the tables on him, eagerly questioning him in turn as to the celebrations in his day; but even without his aid its questions can be answered.

Celebrations in Continental Camps.

Always, even from the earliest years, there was the noise of guns and the salute of 13 by the cannon. If the wives of the officers were present, an elaborate party or dance was usually arranged. In many of these celebrations the wives of Gens. Knox and Greene were leaders, and sometimes they even prevailed upon the great Washington himself to open the ball.

For example, in 1777, at Morristown, every soldier was ordered an extra gill of rum, and there was a celebration by the few de joie. In 1778, on the 3d, an order was sent out that the day would be "celebrated by firing 13 pieces of cannon and a feu de joie of the whole line." In the south, some whigs dressed up a lady with a monstrous head-dress three feet high, with a great profusion of curls, etc., and marched with her in procession to ridicule the dress of the tory ladies. "The figure was droll," the writer naively explains, "and occasioned much mirth. It has lessened some heads already. The tory women are very much mortified."

In 1779, at West Point, there was the usual noisy outbreak, which this time was given variety by an order of Washington "to grant a general pardon to all prisoners in this army under sentence of death." In 1782, occurred the last celebration of the revolutionary army as such. "The whole army was formed on the banks of the Hudson, one each side of the river. The signal of 13 cannon being given at West Point, the troops deployed and formed lines, when a general feu de joie took place throughout the army."

Year of the Treaty of Peace.

In the year 1783 a change in the manner of the celebration took place. There was still the noisy demonstration with guns and bells and processions marched up and down the streets; but new features were added. These were orations by leading men, and a dinner served gratis on many a village or city common for the crowds. Among the toasts were "The United States," "The President," "The Constitution," "George Washington," and, of course, "The Daughters of America." The dinners were elaborate, and we are informed that "squirrels, chickens, green corn, the vegetables of the season"—and doubtless large quantities of those drinkables of which the Fathers of the Revolution were, we are afraid, not very sparing—were spread upon tables beneath the trees. Peace had come, and "thereat they rejoiced exceedingly." Even Boston abandoned the celebration of the "Massacre" (why they wanted to "celebrate" it, no man knows) and substituted the "Fourth of July," which remains even to this day.

The Jubilee Celebration.

Many things combined to make the fiftieth celebration one long to be remembered. The new nation had become a recognized power; republican ideas were growing, and just at that time sympathy with Greece and the South American republics which had not long before cast off the yoke of Spain was very strong. The past was not entirely gone, either, for Jefferson, Adams, and Carroll were still living, as were Madison and Monroe. Noise was still prominent in the celebration, but the oration had come to have a permanent place.

In New York there was a public reading of the Declaration, following a long procession which had made its way from the Battery up through Maiden lane, Pearl and other "residence" portions of the town to City Hall park, where Dewitt Clinton, then governor of the state, reviewed them. It is said that Washington square received its name on that day, and that 10,000 people had a great "ox-feast" there. In Boston more was made of the oration than in New York. Josiah Quincy was the orator of the day, while Webster, Peabody and others responded to toasts; while over in Cambridge, Edward Everett delivered one of his greatest speeches. In Washington an "honorable member" delivered an oration from the steps of the capitol for a great thing, and all the leading officials and dignitaries of the nation were present. Under the field tent which had sheltered Washington 50 years before many guests and visitors were entertained. The living "fathers" of the Declaration were invited to be present, but the weakness of old age prevented their acceptance.

The Centennial Celebration.

This celebration is still fresh in the minds of the people, and was the greatest in the history of the nation. Brass bands, cannon, bells and orations were never more in evidence than on that day. The young nation had become a giant, recognized as one of the great powers of the world. The centennial exhibition was the crowning success of the year, but hardly of less importance were the oratorical and literary achievements which the occasion called forth. Perhaps the three orations delivered on

that day which will be longest remembered were those by William M. Everts in Philadelphia, Richard S. Storrs in New York and Charles Francis Adams in Boston. Poets, and would-be poets, scattered their hymns like snowflakes over the land; but the centennial hymn by Whittier beginning: "Our fathers' God from out whose hand The centuries fall like grains of sand." will probably live longest, though Bryant's Centennial ode, which was read in the Academy of Music in New York, is a close second.

Will coming years see greater celebrations and rejoicings? The methods of celebrating doubtless will be modified; perhaps less ringing of bells and noise of cannon may attend it; but the enthusiasm of the people is still unmistakable, and in whatever form it finds expression, so long as the Fourth of July is celebrated with unabated zeal, and our children are fired by it with the same patriotism which animated their fathers and their forefathers, our nation is safe. The boys who to-day burn powder in its honor will not be slow, should need arise, to burn powder in its defense.



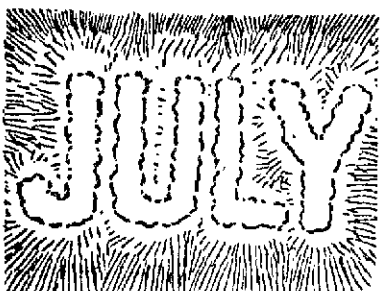
THE FOURTH IN SWITZERLAND.

How the Little Republic Celebrates Our Independence Day.

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Independence day is celebrated abroad by three classes—the traveling American, the expatriated American and the Swiss. The observance of the Fourth of July by the people of Switzerland is one of the unexpected things which an American traveler sees. If he has spent Independence day in England or France or Germany, where the only recognition of the day comes from resident or visiting Americans, he will be surprised the more.

The last time I was in Geneva I arrived on the evening of the 3d of July. Geneva was warm and sticky—something like New York or Boston as I have known them on the eve of Independence day. I left my hotel—it was not one affected by American tourists—for a stroll through the city. From the upper window of one of the shops which looked on the narrow cobble-paved street hung an American flag beside the flag of Switzerland. I was puzzled for a minute. One sees the stars and stripes a great deal and sometimes, in the large cities, even shopkeepers will use them to attract the attention of possible American cus-



tomers. But here in Geneva, on a side street, the flag apparently had some other purpose. And just beyond it was another, and then another.

Then it flashed over me that it was the "Glorious Fourth," and that in my home in the states at that minute hundreds of thousands of flags were flying and millions of crackers exploding to celebrate the anniversary. It was odd to be reminded of the occasion by the people of another land so far from my own—a people speaking another language and alien to me in everything but their love of freedom. It came upon me like an inspiration that this was the tribute of the people of a lesser republic to the greatest and most successful example of popular government which the world has seen.

Turning into another street I saw more decorations, and as I neared the business center of the city, they grew still more profuse. The big hotels showed the blended colors from many windows, and from the flagstaff of the National hotel, which is the one most frequented by Americans, flew the stars and stripes.

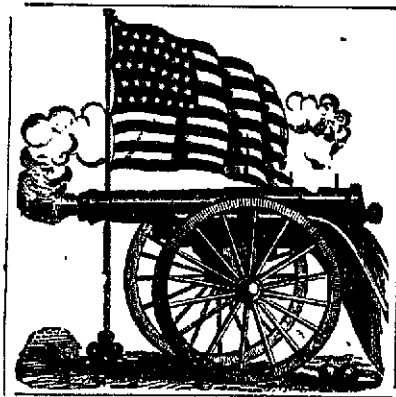
It was inspiring. I felt like throwing my hat into the air and crying "Hurrah!" That is what a good many Americans whom I met were impelled to do. Moreover, some of them, in an excess of patriotism, had procured bombs, which they exploded in public places without fear of meeting the fate of a compatriot who discharged a giant cracker in Antwerp, on Independence day, and shortly thereafter found himself in the lock-up. On every hand were the evidences of national sympathy. The too exuberant American—who has not met him when abroad?—found encouragement and not reproof in his efforts to make an American Fourth of July in Geneva.

In the evening, they told me, there would be the annual moonlight excursion down the lake in honor of Independence day. Think of it! A Fourth of July excursion 4,000 miles from home! I went—of course. The steamer, too, was beautifully hung with Swiss and American flags and with bunting of red, white and blue; and lanterns displaying our national colors were swung from the awning.

There were fireworks along the shore—another unexpected reminder of dear old America.

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Our prices will surprise you. We have a large stock and must close out the entire lot.

Call early and look the goods over.

Just a little money will buy a large lot of excellent Fireworks.

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A beautiful premium given on an expenditure of only TEN DOLLARS with ANY OR ALL of the merchants named. The ladies of Decatur are cordially invited to make our beautiful store their headquarters when on shopping excursions, and their parcels can be left with us if so desired.

Boots and Shoes.	Dry Goods.	Hardware.
Folrath & Hardy.....132 E. Main St	Bradley Bros.....Cor. N. Water & William St	Morehouse & Wells Co.....134-140 E. Main St
Walter Hutchins.....139 North Water St	Stewart Dry Goods Co.	Jewelers.
China and Glass.	Fish Market.	Otto E. Curtis & Bro.....156 E. Main St
E. D. Bartholomew.....143 N. Water St	Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.....243 N. Main St	Laundry.
Carpets and Wall Paper.	Florists.	Model Steam Laundry.....232 W. Main St
Abel Carpet Co.....N. Main St	W. H. Gullett & Sons.....Millikin Bank Building	Meat Markets.
Coal.	Furniture.	G. J. Danzeisen & Son.....130 Merchant St
M. F. Metz.....800 N. Broadway	George W. Meyer.....Cor. N. Water & North St	W. H. Diller.....809 N. Broadway, Tel. 402
Confectionery.	Grocers.	E. Kaufman.....340 North Main, Tel. 304
Harry Snarr.....142 Merchant St	Trading Stamps GIVEN on Sales of Sugar.	N. T. Watson.....607 North Water St
Clothing.	D. H. Helman & Son.....Merchant St	S. P. McAllister.....913 W. Macon St
Ottenheimer & Co., Cor. N. Water & William St	H. G. Boyer, "The Economy,".....211 N. Water St	S. W. Young.....439 E. Decatur St
Druggists.	S. P. McAllister.....217 North Main St	W. F. Jacobs.....606 S. Webster St
Trading Stamps given on sales of Patent	N. T. Watson.....337 N. Water St	R. T. Shaffer.....407 N. Monroe St
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John E. King.....Cor. Main & Water Sts	W. F. Jacobs.....200 S. Webster St	
H. W. Bell.....Cor. Main and North Sts	Lee B. Hall.....Cor. Condit St. and Tower	
W. H. Hubbard, Gebhart Bk. N. Water, Tel. 359	D. F. Dinneen.....515 N. Broadway	
C. F. Shilling.....Cor. Eldorado & Morgan Sts	E. Higgins.....1130 E. Eldorado St	
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ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

4th JULY

Offers its patrons for the 4th of July Low Rates of Fare from Decatur, Illinois, to all stations on its lines within 200 miles.

Tickets on sale July 3d, 4th and 5th, good to return until July 6th, inclusive. For Specific Rates, Tickets, etc., call on your local I. C. R. R. ticket agent.

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1—October 31, 1897. We learn that our people are offered a very low rate to the Nashville Exposition via the P., D. & E. Railway. The time via this route is from seven to nine hours quicker than via any other route. With the inducement of the very low rate offered, every one should see the International Exposition, which, it is said, stands second to the Chicago Exposition among the large number of Expositions which have been held in recent years.

The P., D. & E. Railway offer a low rate of \$8.10 from Decatur with limit of ten days. Tickets of twenty day limit and also with limit Nov. 7th, may be had at a little higher rate. If any circular or information is desired it will be furnished upon inquiry from P., D. & E. Agent, or by writing direct to A. G. Palmer, who is General Passenger Agent at Evansville, Ind. June 5 to Oct 25

The Newest and Latest!

—Our new stock of—

Leather Belts and

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New, Stylish and Low Priced. See them!

W. R. Abbott & Co., JEWELERS.

Almost a Miracle.

Miss Keppie Renegar's Recovery from Dropsy Borders on the Miraculous.

Her Friends Never Expected to see Her Again—After Horrible Sufferings She Finds Relief for Her Dread Ailment—Her Cure the Wonder of the Town.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind.

The New Era was recently informed that Miss Keppie Renegar, living on west Sheridan street, Greensburg, Ind., had been cured of an almost fatal case of dropsy. There was soon considerable gossip about the matter, as every one who knew Miss Renegar was acquainted with her critical case, realized that a cure was almost a miracle. There seemed to be doubt on the part of some and a reporter was accordingly despatched to learn the facts in the case.

In answer to the summons, the door was opened by a charming young lady apparently about seventeen years of age, who, it was learned, was Miss Keppie, herself. The reporter took a comfortable seat in the cozy room, and was pleasantly entertained by the young lady and her mother. The object of the visit was stated, when Miss Renegar, amid blushes said:

"It is true that I was cured of dropsy and that the cure was effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. About two years ago, although not in the best of health, I accepted a position as bookkeeper and assistant clerk with S. F. Ridenour, the south-side groceryman. I had eight squares to walk each way, and it is no wonder that by making six trips a day I should be taken sick. As the fall weather—the damp and chilly weather set in I began to feel badly, but kept on at my work. I grew worse, but still continued, and did not complain or give up, as I did not want to lose my position. Although I felt badly and could hardly walk, I did not know what the trouble was. I was all run down, and had no ambition. My cheeks and lips grew pale, there being scarcely any color in them, and I became weak and diminished in flesh until I was almost a walking skeleton. Fainting spells would pass over me momentarily, and my sight and speech became affected. My heart grew weak and would stop suddenly. Finally I had to give up my position at the store. Our family physician said that it was caused by my blood being thin and impure. After using his treatment and taking good care of myself I got better, and while not able to do so, I went back to the store. In a few days I was down again—this time worse than ever. My limbs and arms began to swell, and swollen places would appear occasionally on different parts of my body. My cheeks became swollen, first on one side and then on the other and sometimes on both. Life was only misery—death would have been a relief. Everyone said that I could not live. Father knew of someone at the round house who had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with great results and insisted they should be given a trial in my case. After taking about a half-dozen doses I felt greatly improved, and when I had completed the first box I was able to get out of bed. I took six or seven boxes, and was then as well as ever. I am gaining flesh rapidly, and becoming stouter every day, and I say with all sincerity that if I had not taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would not be living today."

Mrs. Renegar with her daughter in every word she spoke, saying: "Every word Keppie told you is true, yet she didn't tell half. The doctors called her ailment dropsy in its worst stage, and there was no cure. Too much praise cannot be given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and we wouldn't be without them now for all the world. On this same street several are taking the medicine to account of the results in Keppie's case. Across the street is Mrs. Wamsley, who told me this morning that she felt much better since she commenced taking these pills, and the haven't been taking them but about a week. Mr. Hoagland, who lives just above her, is taking them now, too, and thinks that they will cure her, although she has but a slight case of rheumatism."

Several neighbors expressed great surprise at Miss Renegar's cure, saying they never expected to see her about again, and they all join in saying that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did it. The reporter was informed that Miss Edith Grosvald, living on Hendricks street, had also been cured by this wonderful medicine, and called at her home, but found that she was in Illinois visiting friends. Her mother said:

"Edith was greatly benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and would not doubt but that she had followed directions closely and kept on taking the medicine. She has suffered from rheumatism for years, and physicians and all medicines failed to do any good. We got a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at Groves, Hazeltine & Bonner's drug store and they helped her so greatly that she took several boxes and was better than for years."

Remembering where the medicine was purchased, and beginning to be greatly interested in the wonderful cures resulting from the use of these pills, the reporter called at the store to see what demand there was for the medicine.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are in great demand, indeed," said Dyer Hazeltine, a member of the firm above referred to, "and they are a leader, being very popular among all classes of people. I can certainly recommend them as good sellers, and everybody who uses them speaks very highly of them."

The reporter then called on Talbot & Moss, the west-side druggists, and found that they handled the medicine and were enjoying good sales of it, especially recently, since a number of cures have been made public through the New Era.

Alexander & Co., the west-side druggists, spoke very highly of the medicine and said they had a good sale for it, and they knew of several persons who had been greatly benefited by its use.

Batterton Bros. do a large business in drugs and proprietary medicines, and reported Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as their leader. "They are greatly in demand and seem to give general satisfaction," said Mr. Batterton.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Findings of Egyptian Papyri Containing Christ's Sayings.

One of the largest and most important finds of papyri in Egypt has been made during the last winter by Bernard P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, of Queen's college, Oxford, working on behalf of the Egyptian exploration fund, at Behnesa, the ancient Oxyrhynchus. The site of the old town, which is one and one-fourth miles long by half a mile broad, and is situated on the little explored edge of the western desert, between Fayum and Minya, had remained almost untouched by dealers and antiquity seekers, and offered to the excavators what is in upper Egypt now almost a thing of the past—a practically virgin field. Very few remains of buildings were discovered, the place having been long used as a quarry, both for stone and bricks, but many of the ancient rubbish mounds yielded a rich store of papyri, while in three mounds the quantity of rolls found together was large enough to warrant the assumption that part of the archives had been thrown there at different periods.

The papyri range from the Roman conquest to early Arab times, each century being largely represented, and are for the most part written in Greek, with a sprinkling of Latin, Coptic and Arabic. As the excavators had not time for deciphering, very little is yet known of their contents, but Mr. Grenfell's chief hope in digging the site of Oxyrhynchus—the prospect of finding early Christian documents—would seem to have been to some extent realized. Among the papyri discovered at the very beginning of the excavations was a leaf from a third-century papyrus book apparently containing a collection of Logia, or sayings of Christ.

Some of those found in the fragment are not in the gospels, while others exhibit several divergencies from the text of the parallel passages in the gospels. The age, character and value of these Logia are likely to be the subject of considerable speculation, but there is no foundation for the entirely unauthorized and inaccurate reports connecting this discovery with the Logia which Papias states were collected by St. Matthew. It is hoped that when the papyri come to be examined in detail, further discoveries of early Christian records will be made, as well as of fragments of lost classical literature, since in some of the mounds, notably the earlier ones, an unusually large proportion of the papyri found were written in uncial.

The cream of the collection, in point of size and condition, consisting of 150 large and complete rolls in many cases several feet long, has been retained by the Gizeh museum; the rest of the collection, of which the bulk is, of course, in a very fragmentary condition, is on its way to England, where the systematic examination and publication of it will be undertaken by Messrs. Grenfell and Hunt.

Besides papyri the excavators found a considerable number of coins, about 200 inscribed ostraca, bronze and ivory ornaments, and other small objects of the Roman and Byzantine periods.—London Times.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE MUSEUM.

A Collection of Strange Finds in the Mail.

The museum of the dead letter office, which was instituted by Gen. Hazen about 15 years ago, contains a motley collection of articles, which have passed through the United States mail and have been sent to the dead letter office as unmailable, misdirected, without any address or without name of sender, or short of postage.

Among the most interesting specimens in this little museum are the animals whose diverse but illegal journeys across country, by means of Uncle Sam's mail bags, were summarily intercepted, and the travelers placed in bondage here, after due execution and preservation by the government taxidermist.

Quite a large section of the museum is appropriated to the display of domestic utensils, whose useful mission was for one reason or another frustrated. There seem enough—from a lamp chimney and a butcher's knife to a wash board, and including a well-filled market basket—to completely equip a modern kitchen. Farm implements are plentiful, and one wonders as to whoever should have thought of attempting to send hatchets, a pick ax, a buck saw, a hitching post, a pulley, horse shoes and harness, as well as a supply of corn on the ear through the mail, but these are all in the museum.

Beautiful jewelry, comprising every possible article of adornment, is displayed within the glass doors, and exquisite miniatures of old time beauties make one covetous. There is displayed a beautiful square of Mexican drawn work, and there are delicate embroideries representing the art of many countries, while a finely wrought crucifix of solid gold stands for the loss of some poor penitent. Among the curious are a picture frame composed of the lava from the lava beds of California and a beautiful model of the Washington monument made from the bark of the redwood tree of California. A pair of gigantic wooden sabots it is very evident were seized for overweight, and one wonders what thoughtless or malevolent offender tried to send by mail a loaded revolver, which, relieved of its charge, hangs against the back of one of the cases. Books in almost every tongue, some of them rare enough to tempt the conscience of the bibliophile, occupy a case with various kinds of musical instruments.—Washington Home Magazine.

Very Rapid. "From what I hear, Mr. Earnestly, that son of yours at college is a little fast."

"A little fast," repeated the old man, disdainfully. "He holds the amateur record as a 100-yard sprinter."—Detroit Free Press.

Quick Relief for Asthma.

Foley's Honey and Tar is guaranteed to give prompt relief in all cases of Asthma. Do not class this with other medicines that have failed to give relief. Give it a trial. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Peoria's new city directory contains 30,546 names, indicating, it is claimed, a population of 68,728. These figures include North and South Peoria and Averyville. It is claimed that there are 57,000 people within the corporation of Peoria.

Attention, Old Soldiers. The manufacturers have instructed us to give a bottle of 25c size of Foley's Colic Cure free to the first soldier of the civil war that applies for the same. It is the great remedy for Chronic Diarrhea, Cramp Colic and all Bowel complaints. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

George L. Scott, of Rising, has sued W. O. Krohn for \$500 damages, because, as it is alleged, Krohn's dog scared Scott's horse, causing it to run away, which ruined the reputation of the steed and stopped its sale.

When You Take Your Vacation the most necessary article to have with you (after your pocket-book) is a bottle of Foley's Colic Cure. It is an absolute prevention or cure of all derangements of the bowels caused by a change of water. You are likely to need it. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The oldest tree in Illinois is said to be in DeKalb county. Botanists fix its age at 400 years. The largest tree in the state is in Evanston. It is a cottonwood, is 33 feet around and 123 feet high.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant, before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Wednesday Mrs. D. H. Johnson, who lives southeast of Minonk, was cutting weeds with a corn knife when she accidentally cut herself on the back of the hand, severing the tendons.

W. B. Johnson, Newark, O., says: "One Minute Cough Cure saved my only child from dying by croup." It has saved thousands of others suffering from croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Lee Morrison, of Thomasboro, was painfully injured at Champaign by being thrown from a buggy. His team became frightened and ran away, throwing him out against the curb.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and frightful disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

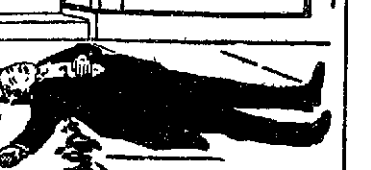
Wonderful! Marvellous! are expressions frequently heard about Foley's Kidney Cure. Do not fail to try this great remedy for all kidney troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

On Monday Mayor Warner, of Peoria, appointed sixteen policemen to fill vacancies, most of which were made by request. Several former members of the force were reinstated.

There Is No ? About It. No question, indeed, with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure is absolutely reliable for all kidney and bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Charles Smith, a young colored man, is court stenographer of Edgar county.

Lincoln is soon to have twenty saloons, now having eighteen. The license is \$500.



Ten Thousand Suicides. More men murder themselves than are told of in the papers. A hundred men kill themselves by overwork, overworry, neglect of health, to one who uses a pistol.

A man has a little trouble with his head, his stomach, his nerves—he doesn't sleep well, or feel well, and he doesn't pay any attention to it. He loses flesh and strength and says: "Bye and bye" He lies to himself.

What he needs is a tonic, a blood maker, a nerve builder. He needs Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the most wonderful health maker in the world. It puts the entire body into good order. It begins on the digestion. Makes the appetite sharp and strong—helps to digest the food—renders it easily assimilable—puts blood making, blood purifying properties into it. Sends it tingling into every fiber of the body. Puts cushions of flesh all around the abused nerves. Brings healthful, restful sleep—makes solid flesh—makes a new man of you.

If your druggist is honest, he will recommend it. If he is not, he will try to sell you something else.

Neglected constipation will soon make a man "as bad as a dog." A listless, sallow, bilious man, continually suffering from headaches and heart-burns is unfit for business or pleasure. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two mild cathartics. They never cause pain or gripe. Druggists sell them.

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of large or small designs. Color of Brown or Grey. Cloth of Homespun Cheviot or Covert. Trousers with Golf Cuff or Buckle Buttons. Pneumatic Seat in Trousers.

It matters, not what kind, how hard the saddle, or how rigid the frame, you do not feel the bad effects after a ride over rough roads with this equipment.

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DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Residence, 328; Office, 330.
Residence—330 West North St.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 28-31

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
Chronic Diseases a Specialty.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 245 N. Main st.
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I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Paeffeld Building.
DECATUR, ILL.
Telephone 270.

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Office, 277; Residence, 346
Res. 218 N. Edwards St.

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryson Clothing Store, Decatur
Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
Jan 24-31

M. D. POLLOCK, M. D.
OFFICE—Rooms 512-513, Arcade
Residence—819 West Peckard St.
Special attention given to diseases of women
Office hours, 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3 p. m.
Telephone 172.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the city council of the city of Decatur, having ordered that North Monroe street from Bluff street north to Packard street and Packard street from North Monroe street west to Van Dyke street be graded, curbed, paved and improved, in the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, have applied to the county court of Macon county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvements, according to benefits, upon the abutting property according to frontage; and an assessment or special tax roll thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had at the August term of said court commencing on the 22d day of August, A. D. 1897. All persons desiring may then and there appear and make their defense. Decatur, Illinois, June 29, 1897.

Thomas Quinn,
J. S. Keller,
Harry Field,
Commissioners.

June 30-31

SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for the construction of a sewer commencing at and connecting with the east side of the present sewer on Warren street at a point five feet south of the center line of the alley running east and west between Wagoner and Herkimer streets, which said sewer shall be constructed from said beginning point northerly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence east on the center line of said alley to the west line of North Broadway street, together with a Y-junction entrance, manholes, catchbasins, connections and appurtenances, to be constructed and advanced according to the plans and specifications of an ordinance relating thereto, passed by the city council of said city on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1897, will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of said city from the date hereof until five o'clock p. m. of Monday, the 12th day of July, A. D. 1897, for the construction of said local improvement, including labor, material and all other matters necessary to make the same.

A bond or certified check in the amount of three hundred dollars must accompany each bid.

All bids will be submitted to the city council and said city council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated July 2, A. D. 1897.

JOHN A. REEVE, City Clerk.

SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for the construction of a sewer commencing at and connecting with Jasper street sewer on Jasper street, at a point ten feet south of the center line of the alley running east and west between Ordway and Condit streets, said sewer shall be constructed northerly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence east on the center line of said alley, together with a Y-junction entrance, manholes, catchbasins, connections and appurtenances, to be constructed and advanced according to the plans and specifications of an ordinance relating thereto passed by the city council of said city on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1897, will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and that sealed bids will be received at the office of the city clerk of said city from the date hereof until five o'clock p. m. of Monday, the 12th day of July, A. D. 1897, for the construction of said local improvement, including labor, material and all other matters necessary to make the same.

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JOHN A. REEVE, City Clerk.

Administrator's Notice For Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss
MACON COUNTY, ss
In the County Court of Macon county—To the July Term, 1897.
In the matter of the Estate of Francis D. Scott, To All Whom It May Concern:
—You are hereby notified that I have this day filed a final report of my acts and doings as the administrator of the estate of Francis D. Scott, deceased, and that I will ask the court to approve the same on the 12th day of July, 1897, at nine o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard by the court, at which time and place you may be present and take such action as you may deem best.

Admin'r of Francis D. Scott, Deceased.
June 25-26

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Anna Maria Melchior, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Anna Maria Melchior, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the August term, on the first Monday in August next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 18th day of June, 1897.

of the Estate of Anna Maria Melchior, Deceased.
Alexander McIntosh, Atty.
June 18-31

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Clara Devore, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Clara Devore, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the August term, on the first Monday in August next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1897.

ALBERT H. COPE, Administrator.
June 14-31

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Herman Coble, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Herman Coble, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the August term, on the first Monday in August next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1897.

SALOMA F. COBLE, Administratrix.
D. C. Corley, Attorney.
June 25-31

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John P. Auer, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of John P. Auer, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the August term, on the first Monday in August next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1897.

JOHN G. AUER, Administrator.
June 8-31

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Walsh, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Michael Walsh, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the September term, on the first Monday in September next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of June, 1897.

ROSA KELLER, Executrix.
June 26-31

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.
WANTED—Reputable persons to assist in organizing for a fraternal society 18 years old, which admits both sexes; liberal compensation to right parties. Address, with references, JACOB APOLL, 621 Taylor street, Chicago.

WANTED—Ladies canvassers, in city and on road; \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day salary. Call at Arcade Hotel before 9 o'clock a. m. W. C. WILLIAMS.

BIDS WANTED—I will receive bids up to noon on July 1, 1897, for the boiler in the annex to the city hall. Bids must be sealed and made on the boiler as it is now placed in the annex. Address W. H. SPENCER, Chairman of Public Board, Commission on Public Buildings, Riverside Place, Decatur, Ill. June 30-31

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years experience, am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. Telephone 302. D. M. SMITH, West and Fugh street car line. Feb 10-31

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at 1750 North Clinton street; new phone 185-747.

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, on gravel road, east of Decatur; \$1700 buys it; possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUCK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 1-31

FOR RENT—The elegant new modern house now occupied by N. A. Cruzan, 443 West Eldorado street, will be vacant in few days. Call on J. E. FLETCHER, 215 North Main street. Apply to JOHN A. BROWN. \$3 ds

FOR RENT—Cheap one four-room and one six-room house; Separate Flats; East side at Clark & Schroll, Room 22 Arcade. April 17-31

MONEY TO LOAN.
FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT INTEREST. Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get terms. C. E. GIVEN, 526 Union Bank Building.

MONEY TO LOAN—On both farm and city property. Call on A. E. PARK, of Bunn & Park's office, 152 East Prairie, for terms.

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Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 187 North Water street. LOW RATES.
May 20-31 GEO. W. EHRLHART.

SAMUEL MURBIDE
LOANS AND SECURITIES,
ROOMS 702-4,
MILLIKIN BANK BLDG.,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated,
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call on W. F. FLEET, Real Estate and Loans, Room 18, Opera Block, July 7-31

LOST AND FOUND.
LOST POCKETBOOK—A Decatur lady coming in from Lovington June 29 on the Vandall train which arrived in Decatur at 7 p. m. lost a pocketbook containing papers and a sum of money, either on the train coming over, or while riding from the train at the Decatur depot to the street car. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the book and contents at the Republican office. June 24-31

MISCELLANEOUS.
SALESMAN—A day's canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mrs. 391 Market st., Philadelphia. July 3-31

WE HAVE A Ten-Room House, good stable, 50 feet front lot, three blocks from Old Square. Six rooms, each with bath, and a place now. The house alone cost ten thousand dollars to build it, and the ground alone is worth the money asked for it. See J. S. CAMPBELL, CO., 102 Prairie street. June 24-31

The Decatur Rubber Stamp Works.
If you need a Name Stamp, a Business Stamp, or any kind of anything in the Commercial Stamp line, place your order with
J. M. MYERS,
301 S. Church St., Decatur, Ill.
Old Telephone 38.
To July 3, '97.

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made. \$1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accurate and guaranteed. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mrs. 391 Market st., Philadelphia. July 3-31

GOOD CHANCE to trade your Nebraska land for Decatur lots. Call on Clark & Schroll, Room 22 Arcade. Apr 17-31

R. O. BORN, Architect and Builder. Office in Room 21, Third floor, Revolver Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old well made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 728 N. Water or 1718 E. Prairie street. June 24-31

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard" of 2000 square feet, 2725 sq ft. each, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUCK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 1-31

\$700 buys new three-room house, one acre of land, fifty choice bearing fruit trees, all on gravel road, east of Decatur. Who wants this? PETER H. BRUCK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-31

\$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x50. Who wants the matter with this? nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUCK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-31

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe, either first or second cabin, or steerage, at the lowest rates. For further information call at office, PETER H. BRUCK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-31

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedsteads, chairs, couches, carpets, etc. in good condition. They will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 30-31

HORSES and COWS
wanted in exchange for Vehicles and Bicycles. We will also receive and sell such merchandise on the same basis. G. STARR & SON, Lincoln Square. June 16-31

THE Blue Square Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repaired or repainting is necessary for spring. I have a lot of good roadsters and I want one to two hundred vehicles for the season. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan 31-31

RHEUMATISM CURED.—For the past nine years I have suffered intensely with rheumatism and neuralgia. The last attack was so severe that I was unable to get on my feet. I was induced by a friend to take Cerebrodine Capsules without cessation. To my surprise they cured me in a short time. I recommend them to all who suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia. R. O. ROSEN, Architect, Decatur, Ill. June 30-31

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to May 23, 1897.)

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12.....	1:05 a.m.	13.....	1:30 p.m.
14.....	1:15 a.m.	15.....	3:35 p.m.
16.....	1:45 a.m.	17.....	7:35 p.m.
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
1.....	3:40 a.m.	8.....	7:35 a.m.
2.....	4:05 a.m.	14.....	11:45 a.m.
3.....	4:05 p.m.	14.....	11:45 a.m.
4.....	4:00 p.m.	10.....	7:55 p.m.
5.....	12:13 a.m.	3.....	11:17 p.m.
6.....	7:20 p.m.	12.....	12:35 p.m.
		16 Sun. only.	10:00 p.m.
TO TOLEDO.			

All the New Spring Novelties, JUST RECEIVED.

—INCLUDING—

LORGNETTE CHAINS,

In Silver and Gold.

Silver and Gold Chain Pocketbooks

SHIRT WAIST SETS,

In Endless Varieties, in Silver and Gold,
From 25 Cents to \$2.50 a Set.

THE FINEST LINE OF BELTS

We have ever had; not the cheap kind,
but sure enough *Leather Belts*, with
Leather Covered Buckles, in all lengths.

We can Please You we are Sure.

PLEASE INSPECT THE LINES.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Made by Hanan & Son, New
York, supplied to consumers
through their own exclusive
Retail Stores in the principal
cities of America, also Paris,
France; London, England;
and sold by

**THE FRANK H. COLE
SHOE CO.,**

148 E. Main St., Decatur, Ill.

Now in Men's Russia Calf, in Wine and Dark Tan, also
Black Vici Kid, Patent Leather and Enamel Leather,
Stock... Latest Toes, Royal, Ludgate, Derby...
One Grade Only—The Very Best.

We will carry Hanan & Son's Shoes for Women After August, 1897.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

148 EAST MAIN STREET. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks in Sidewalk

Have You Seen?

Those Cool NEGLIGEE SHIRTS at Anthony's
for only \$1.00, with colored collar bands, sep-
arate cuffs.

That LIGHT UNDERWEAR for Men at 24c is a
corner.

Great line Cool SHIRT WAISTS from 25c up.

Silk Mitts, Fans, Gauze Vests, Umbrellas and Corsets

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Bothered with Roaches or Water Bugs?

Then come in and get a box of
Mexican Roach Food. We guar-
antee it to kill all the Roaches
and Water Bugs in your house
Money refunded if it doesn't do it

KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Smokes the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made
by Jacob Keok

Bryant's Root Beer, 4c a bottle at Ir-
win's Drug Store.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 28-dtd

For you wall paper at lowest prices go
to Pluck, at 109 East North street.—
26 dtdm.

The best FIREWORKS in the city
sold by L. CHODAT'S News House.

The city police force of Maroa has been
sick for several days past. He has been
troubled with malaria.

The county offices will be open Monday,
July 6, until noon. It will be pension
day and the clerks will work for the ac-
commodation of the beneficiaries of the
pension laws.

There is a considerable amount of fall
wheat in the county, all reports to the
contrary notwithstanding. Harvesting
has already begun in the neighborhood of
Sangamon and Mr. Zion and the yield
promises well.

The farmers throughout the county find
one source amid all their troubles. The
chinch bug family, which has played sev-
eral star engagements in past years has,
so far, kindly consented to go elsewhere
this season.

The Bailey Bros., well known through-
out the county as staunch Republicans and
successful grain dealers, will open a gen-
eral store at Ulrich on the Vandalla line.

Maroa will look after the July 4th Mon-
day next. The plans for the new bank to this
enterprising town are said to be nearly per-
fected and the institution will soon be
ready for business. A number of moneyed
men are back of the enterprise.

Mr. Lemuel Allen, of Pekin, Ill., who
has been several months in Southern
California, in San Diego and vicinity, left
Los Angeles last Monday and arrived in
Pekin last Saturday and came to Decatur
yesterday to spend a few days visiting
relatives and friends. He is stopping with
his niece, Mrs. Susan R. Thomas. He is
a nephew of the late Capt. D. L. Allen
and S. C. Allen.

The prospects for a large yield of corn
this fall are just about as good as they
can be. The growing plants are vigor-
ous and good color. The fields have been
generously cultivated. The ground is
free of weeds and will probably continue
so. In anticipation of a large crop this
fall many farmers who have been holding
out for a higher price are contracting,
and will haul their corn into market dur-
ing the next few days.

Will Make a Fight in Court.

The property owners in the northeast-
ern portion of the city who are in line to
oppose the proposed brick paving improve-
ments held another meeting last night,
when Attorney A. G. Webber, who had
been selected to investigate the situation
submitted a long report, but it was not
read until \$80 had been put up to pay for
the work. The attorney thought that
something might be accomplished in de-
feating the plans of the council. It was
decided to fight the improvement and a
committee was appointed to act for the
property owners with full power to act.

A Runaway.

There was a runaway this morning on
William street in front of the Library
block. A boy threw a fire cracker under
Dr. Spaulding's horse, which was stand-
ing in front of his office. The horse be-
came frightened and ran into Miss Grace
MacMaster's vehicle and turned it over.
Miss MacMaster's horse ran about half a
block and ran into a telegraph pole on
Main street. The vehicle was dragged on
its side, but it was not damaged.

Take a Swim.

The Nat. at Riverside is now open every
day and evening.

It is the finest place in the city to spend
an hour.

The water is always fresh, clean and
warm.

There will be a great time at the Nat.
the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Do not fail to take it in.

Otto Weaver, a competent instructor
always present.—3tf

Rev. D. F. Howe Very Sick.

Rev. D. F. Howe, who left Decatur
over a week ago for his old place of resi-
dence at Casey, Ill., has been very sick
since. It was decided this week to bring
him back to Decatur. He was to arrive
yesterday but he did not come. He may
arrive to day with his family. Mr. Howe
had a bad cough when he left and instead
of growing better he has become worse.

No Strike.

Boone, Iowa, July 3.—Coal miners
here are working, with no prospect of a
strike.

ALMOST COMPLETED.

Unprecedented Speed By Which
the Tariff Bill Has Been Push-
ed Through the Senate.

IT WILL SOON BE IN CONFERENCE.

The Measure Will Be a Fairly Satis-
factory Protective Measure Con-
sidering the Adverse Major-
ity in the Senate.

Washington, July 3.—This has been a
week in Washington of which the people
of the United States and especially the
six and a half millions who voted for Wil-
liam McKinley will feel proud. The Re-
publican administration which they
placed in power by their votes of last No-
vember has with infinite skill and unpre-
cedented promptness almost completed its
tariff bill, not only framing and passing
it through a Republican house, but suc-
cessfully carrying it through an adverse
senate, which was controlled by a major-
ity adverse to the Republican party, and
will send it to conference committee at
an earlier date in the history of the ad-
ministration than has ever happened
since the first congress.

An Unprecedented Record.

Nobody, taking into consideration the
bitterness of the campaign of last fall,
would have predicted or thought it pos-
sible that the party succeeding in that cam-
paign, but failing to obtain control of
both branches of congress, could frame
and pass a tariff bill so thoroughly pro-
tective and so thoroughly satisfactory to its
adherents in so short a time. No such
thing has ever happened in the history of
the country. Indeed, it has seldom, if
ever, happened that a party having con-
trol of but one branch of congress has
passed a radical tariff measure even in
three or four times the number of weeks
which have been occupied in the passage
of this bill.

A Short Conference Expected.

There is good reason to believe, too,
that the conference between the house and
senate will be an unusually brief one.
The fact that the senate restored to the
bill most of the house rates on important
features warrants the belief that the
length of time occupied in conference will
be brief, and that the bill may reach the
president by the end of the coming week
and become a law by the middle of July.

House Rates Generally Restored.

While there are many minor changes in
the bill as finally passed by the senate,
they are of small consequence as to their
general bearing. The important features
and characteristics of the house bill have
been restored by the senate, and the bill
as it goes back to the house finally will
differ very little in those features in which
the public have felt a great interest, when
compared with the bill as originally
passed by the house. It is believed that
the conference committee will in many
cases restore absolutely the house rates.

The Sugar Schedule.

The Democratic senators who made
such a violent effort to cast aspersions on
the bill and the Republican party with
reference to the sugar schedule have met
with an ignominious failure. The bill,
as it stands, is generally satisfactory, and
cannot be successfully charged with fa-
voritism toward the sugar trust, and
should the conference restore absolutely
the house rates, as many believe it will
yet do, the bill will be looked upon as the
most thoroughly satisfactory and com-
plete in this and other features of any tar-
iff measure which has passed congress in
many years.

As to Currency.

Now that the tariff bill is out of the
way the question as to whether congress
will or will not immediately take up the
currency revision is looked upon with
much interest. There are two sides to
this question, and both sides are being
carefully examined by those who are to
determine what the course of events are
to be in this particular. By many it is
believed that the special work of the spe-
cial session in the passage of a tariff bill
having been so promptly completed, the
business element of the country would
prefer an opportunity to adjust itself to
the new conditions in regard to the tariff
before being brought face to face with the
currency problem. Those who hold to
this view believe that it would be better
to defer any action on the currency ques-
tion until the regular meeting of congress
in December and "give the country a
rest." Whether this plan is determined
upon or whether a currency commission
shall be urged upon congress at once is
not fully determined, but the public may
rest assured that there is no disposition
on the part of the administration to de-
lay or trifle with the currency question
any more than it has with the tariff.

The Tariff Protests from Abroad.

The protests against our tariff measure
which foreign nations are making are
looked upon by experienced legislators
and statisticians first as a piece of im-
pertinence, since it is nobody's business but
our own what kind of a tariff we make,
and, second, as of no consequence in the
bearing on our commercial relations with
those countries. Thirteen of the fifteen

nations from which have come grum-
blings as to our tariff, tell us vastly more
than they buy from us, and while it is all
right for them to get as low a tariff on
their articles as possible there is no likeli-
hood that they are going to disturb their
markets in this country by any retaliatory
legislation which would injure their sales
to us more than they affect ours to them.
The fifteen countries from which hints
of dissatisfaction with our tariff have
come have sold us in the past decade \$1,-
843,948,728 worth of goods and bought
from us only \$8,059,320,788 worth, a bal-
ance in their favor of \$1,784,733,841. It
is scarcely probable under these circum-
stances that they are going to take any
steps which will embarrass or complicate
commercial relations so advantageous to
them.

PATHETIC CASE IN CHICAGO.

A Mother Sees Her Family Broken Up—
Left penniless in a Big City.

Chicago, July 3.—While the crowd of
witnesses interested in insanity cases at
the detention hospital stood about the
corridors sweltering with the heat, a wo-
man sat upon the steps pressing an infant
on her breast and cried softly to it.

In a short time the baby she held
would be all that was left to her, of her
family of six children, and she hardly
knew how she would care for it. The rest
would be sent out to different homes with
strong possibilities that she would never
see them again.

The woman was Mrs. Virginia Frame
of 4730 Frazer street. Four months ago,
when her youngest child was but 18 days
old, Jesse, Frame, her husband, left her
sick and helpless to find food for the six
little hungry mouths. It was uphill
work, but Mrs. Frame was brave and de-
cided to keep her family together at all
hazards.

Then the broker who held a chattel
mortgage upon the meager household
effects of the abandoned woman came
and took the furniture because she owed
\$3 upon it.

Have Little Left.

When he had done his work there re-
mained but a mattress, a table and three
or four valueless chairs in the cottage.

The result is that a once happy family
is now practically scattered to the four
winds. Judge Jones this morning com-
mitted little two and a half year old Dell
to the care of the St. Vincent de Paul
Sisters, Geraldine and Blanche, aged 10
and six years respectively to the Chicago
Industrial school, and 13 year old Leonard
to Peabodyville.

The mother will keep the four months
old baby, while a seven year old daughter
has gone to her grandmother. The chil-
dren sent to the institution are in danger
of being adopted at any time.

It was a pathetic group that faced
Judge Jones when the Frame case was
called. Leonard, who had bravely said a
few moments before he was called into
court that when he was able to make a
living he would take care of his mother,
was crying bitterly.

Mother Makes a Plea.

Mrs. Frame shed loving tears over her
little ones as she begged Judge Jones not
to allow her children to be sent away
from the institution where she could not
get them again and the small children
were weeping in sympathy, although
they scarcely realized what the proceed-
ings meant.

Mrs. Frame praised her children, but
spoke rather bitterly of her husband, who
she said had deserted her once before.
"I was advised then not to live with
him again, but I could not give him up
when he returned to me repentant," she
said.

All of the children are bright looking
and rather about the average in point of
beauty.

Judge Jones assured the weeping
mother that if steps were taken to adopt
her children out she would be duly not-
ified and given an opportunity to reclaim
them before they were taken beyond her
reach.

BASE BALL.

National League.

Baltimore 5, Washington 4.
Louisville 4, Cincinnati 1.
Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 4.

Western League.

Indianapolis 98-1, Columbus 10-3,
two games.

Grand Rapids 6, Detroit 3.
St. Paul 6, Minneapolis 3.

How They Stand.

	Won.	Lost.	Pr. ct.
Boston	41	14	.745
Baltimore	38	17	.691
Cincinnati	34	18	.654
New York	33	21	.611
Cleveland	29	27	.518
Philadelphia	29	30	.492
Brooklyn	28	29	.492
Pittsburgh	26	30	.463
Washington	22	33	.400
Louisville	22	34	.393
Chicago	22	35	.386
St. Louis	11	45	.193

Judge Yates' Chief Deputy.

Jacksonville, Ill., July 3.—Judge Rich-
ard Yates, recently appointed collector of
revenue for the southern Illinois district,
has decided to name his brother, Harry
Yates, as chief deputy. The latter will
be in the main office at Springfield. He
was at one time collector at the New Or-
leans custom house and at another assist-
ant postmaster of this city, and is a
staunch Republican.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold a men's
meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.
J. S. Baldwin will speak and Rev. Pierce
will sing.

FORBEARANCE ENDS.

Fearing Mutiny Weyler Provides
Some Hospitals and Oth-
er Comforts.

SPANISH SOLDIERS ARE DESERTING

Over 2000 in Pinar del Rio Deserted,
Many Entering the Ranks of
the Cubans — Paci-
fics Raided.

Havana, July 3.—The news allowed by
the censor to go out shows that the re-
ports regarding the terrible state of affairs
at Santiago de Cuba, Manzanillo and
Sancti Spiritus were true. Weyler has
been obliged to put up new hospitals and
to do a great many things for the comfort
and safety of the troops that he has never
done before. The troops were on the
verge of mutiny in that section, and with
Garcia spoliing his plans and threatening
his best towns, Weyler could not afford an
outbreak among his troops.

Large hospitals have been established in
nearly all the larger towns, and orders
have been given here to forward needed
medical stores at once. Weyler, however,
has compelled the towns, under the thin
guise of a "proffered gift," to pay for the
hospitals and to be taxed for their main-
tenance. When a Cuban town "volun-
teers" to maintain hospitals for Weyler or
to do anything else of the kind the Span-
iards here smile and say that "Weyler is a
great organizer."

The situation in Pinar del Rio Pro-
vince is getting worse. The troops there
are discouraged at the many and repeated
successes of Ducaes and his leaders, and
over 2000 have deserted in the past
month. Last week an entire battalion of
450 men, with one small gun and arms
and supplies, marched out of a town north
of San Christobal and entered the Cuban
camp, with the Cuban flag flying at their
head. The insurgents received them
with wild cheers and cries of "Cuba
libre."

Letters received from that section state
that a band of Cuban guerrillas assaulted
one of the Spanish forts near Consuelacion,
and, after several hours' fighting, suc-
ceeded in capturing it, putting the garrison to
the machete. The fort was destroyed and
a military train that had just arrived
with \$5000 in silver and a large amount
of ammunition and supplies.

The government reported this week the
capture of an insurgent stronghold in
Matanzas province and the killing of sev-
enteen insurgents. The junta states to-
day that the raid was upon a camp of
pacificos, men, women and children,
numbering fifty-five in all. The Spanish
guerrillas rounded up the camp, took out
the best looking of the women and girls,
some twenty-nine in number, and then
coolly tied the others to trees and used
them as targets. One favorite method
was to see how many shots a "target"
would stand without being killed, the
guerrilla who succeeded in planting the
most bullets in the least vulnerable part
being greeted as the best marksman. The
women were then turned over to the band
and their fate is well known.

Two of them seized the guns of their
assailants at night and killed four before
they were shot down. Another young
girl, not over 15, seized a dagger from an
officer and plunged it into his heart and
then into her breast. Two of the officers
of the band fought a duel over a girl
with machetes, one being severely wound-
ed. The girl had professed unconcern,
but at night she cut the throat of her
companion and in some way managed to
escape, despite the search that was made
for her. Many other reports are being
brought in of raids made upon the camps
of the reconcentrados in the suburbs of
the larger cities.

The Brick Question

Another meeting of the city council
purchasing committee was held last
night, to consider the buying of brick to
make repairs in the streets. It was de-
cided to ask for new bids.

Don't thin your blood with camafra-
s or poison it with blue-mas; but aid Na-
ture by using DeWitt's Little Blue
Pills, the famous little pills for con-
stipation, biliousness and stomach and
liver troubles. They are purely veget-
able. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong
Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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CALAMITY A

Illinois Back Num
Leader Spouts
Brooklyn

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In Politics in the N
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New York, July 6.—H
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at 8 50 p m Sunday
dressed a meeting held u
of the Democratic Leagu
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Mrs. Altgeld.

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was Henry George and
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